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OUTSTANDING HACKNEY SCHOOLS



Youngsters at St Mary's COE Primary School celebrate outstanding Ofsted report

There were celebrations across the borough as five of Hackney's schools were praised as outstanding by Ofsted.

St Mary's Church Of England Primary School in Stoke Newington; Millfields Community School Primary in Lower Clapton; Yesodey Hatorah Senior Girl School in Stamford Hill; Mossbourne Community Academy in Hackney Downs; and Wentworth Nursery School in south Hackney were all described as 'providing outstanding education, childcare and skills'.

The schools gained top marks in all the categories

considered by government inspectors: overall effectiveness, achievements and standards, quality of provision, leadership and management, and personal development and well-being.

St Mary's in Lordship Road, N16, is a smaller-than-average school with just 174 pupils. Just over a third of pupils, speak English as an additional language and a quarter have learning difficulties.

Ofsted inspectors said the school 'enables all pupils to excel both socially and academically.' It also highlighted the excellent leadership of the head and deputy head who 'set out the

highest expectations.'

Deputy Head, Claire Eskelson, said: "We are extremely proud to have been recognised as an outstanding school. Our ethos is underpinned by strong Christian values which permeate our community and perhaps most importantly, everybody working towards common goals."

She also attributed the school's success to 'a clear vision, strong leadership, commitment to inclusion and a strong sense of community'.

Millfields Primary School in Hillsea Street, E5, has a high percentage of pupils eligible

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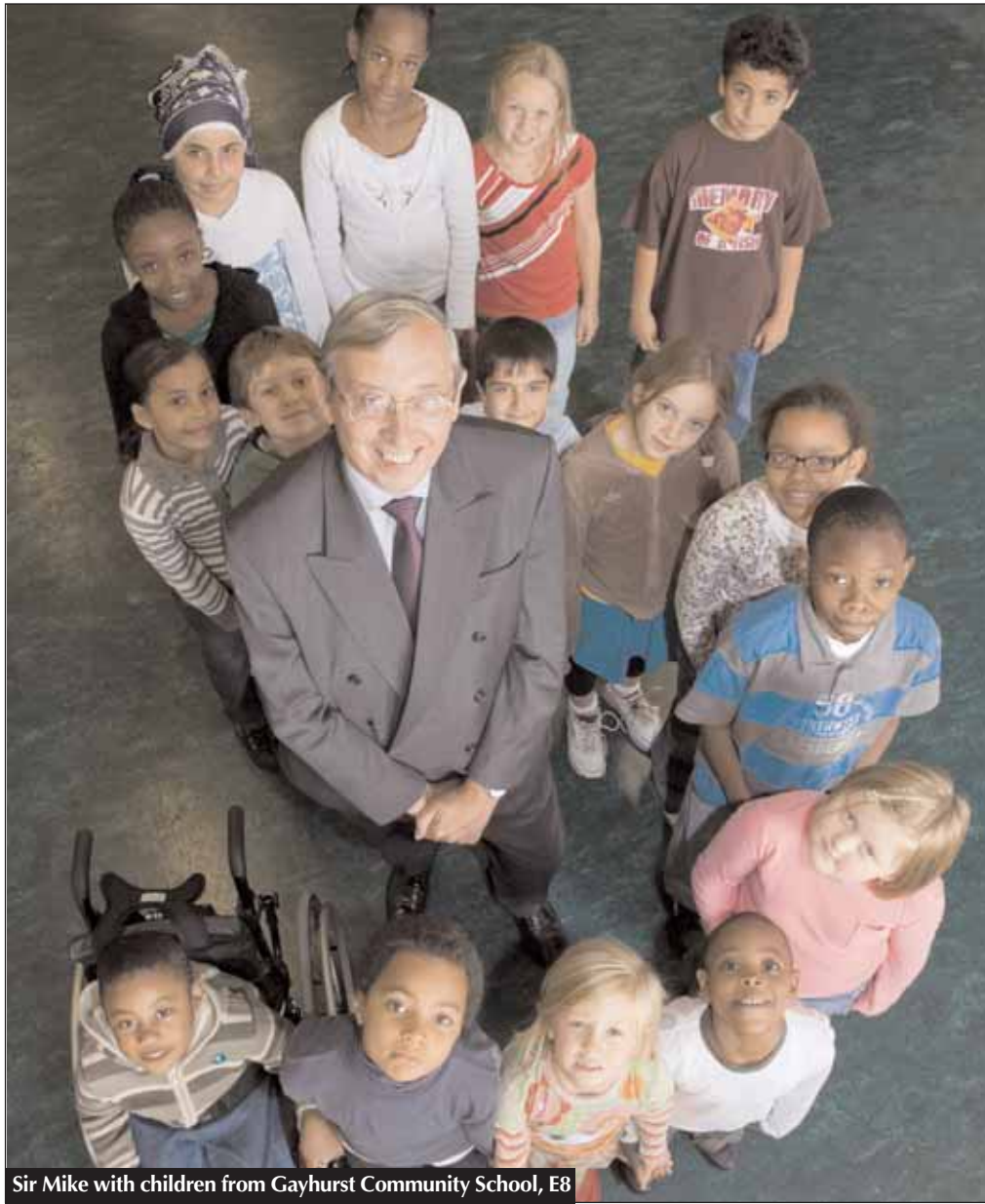
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Trust chair retires



Sir Mike with children from Gayhurst Community School, E8

The man who helped Hackney's schools achieve a remarkable improvement in results has retired aged 64.

Sir Mike Tomlinson stepped down as chair of The Learning Trust this month after five years at the helm.

In that time, the number of failing schools in the borough has dropped from 10 to one, three new schools have opened, and the number of young people gaining at least five good GCSE grades has shot up by 22 per cent to 53 per cent.

Speaking after his retirement party, Sir Mike praised teachers, parents and schoolchildren for the part they played in turning Hackney's fortunes around.

He said: "There is an enormous amount of talent among Hackney's schoolchildren and our goal has been to tap into that and give young people an opportunity to succeed."

Sir Mike, who grew up in Rotherham, South Yorkshire, and was the first in his family to go to university, added: "My own background is not too dissimilar to kids in Hackney. I know education gave me chances that I would never have had otherwise."

"In Hackney we've worked so young people's talents can be identified, nurtured and maximised in whatever field."

"The extraordinary commitment of staff in the Trust and schools deserves recognition; their work has really made a difference."

Sir Mike also praised the role Hackney Council had played in working with The Learning Trust to turn education in the borough around.

This includes securing a massive £160million to fund the Building Schools for the Future programme, which will rebuild or refurbish every secondary school in Hackney by 2015.

Sir Mike said the majority of parents in the borough 'now believe there is a real benefit to keeping their child in a Hackney secondary school'.

He said: "Mayor Jules Pipe has been a major force for good in bringing that change into place and the partnership between The Learning Trust and the local authority has been a good one."

Sir Mike, who came out of retirement as Ofsted's chief inspector of schools to lead The Learning Trust, added teachers' morale was now

high and schools had benefited from on-going financial stability.

The Learning Trust's contract to provide education services in Hackney ends in 2012, and looking to the future, Sir Mike said: "I could see a time when the London Borough of Hackney could resume its responsibilities as a Local Education Authority."

But he added the final decision rested with the Secretary of State for Education.

Colleagues and teaching staff marked Sir Mike's retirement with an emotional farewell dinner at Lord's cricket ground, and Sir Mike admitted Hackney will always have a special place in his heart.

He said: "Hackney's in my blood now. So I've become the Patron of the Trust. It's been a real honour and pleasure to be associated with the borough."

Richard Hardie, a Trust board member since 2003 and non-executive vice chairman of financial services firm UBS, succeeds Sir Mike as The Learning Trust's chair.

By Jane Young

Outstanding Hackney schools from pg 1

for school meals and has won awards for its healthy eating programme, which has been praised by everyone from Jamie Oliver to Prince Charles. It is also a UNICEF Children's Rights Champion, an adult learning centre and a teacher training school. Plus the school hosts a base for pupils with autism and excels in offering pre and post school activities.

Ofsted said Millfields had 'a very strong focus on achieving the highest possible standards through a rigorous evaluation of the school's work'.

Dame Anna Hassan, Millfields Community School head said: "It's about the hard work and commitment of the staff parents and children. We are an inclusive school and very much into respecting each other and working in partnership."

Yesodey Hatorah Senior Girl School in Egerton Road, N16, was judged to be an outstandingly effective school due to its 'singular ethos that unifies the secular and faith elements of the school into a whole that is far more than the sum of its parts' and 'the inspirational leadership of the headteacher, the staff and the students'.

Mossbourne Community Academy in Downs Park Road, E5, was considered outstanding because it achieves its mission statement to 'play an essential role in developing educational excellence in Hackney by offering high quality, inclusive and innovative teaching and learning ... and to raise aspirations, expectations and educational achievements of all members of the community'.

Ofsted inspectors said Wentworth Nursery School in Cassland Road, E9, has a 'highly effective staff team which has been built up under the visionary and dynamic leadership of its headteacher. Children attain exceptionally high standards and achieve extremely well because of the outstanding teaching they receive'.

Cllr Rita Krishna, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "I congratulate these five schools on having achieved this excellent external recognition."

"The high standards of attention paid to the care of pupils is apparent from the self confident way they approach the world, with resilience and self-reliance. Congratulations to all involved."

By Karyn Michael

Prince Charles arrives for a visit at Millfields school earlier this year



New arts centre opened

In brief

Outside Rivington Place, from L to R: Sebastian Lopez, director Iniva; Professor Stuart Hall; David Lammy MP; Mark Sealy, director Autograph ABP



A new £8 million public art gallery – the first to be built in London since 1968 – has opened in Hackney.

Rivington Place arts centre is also the UK's first public space dedicated to culturally diverse visual arts and photography.

The eye-catching building in Shoreditch has been designed by award-winning Hackney born architect David Adjaye OBE.

Speaking at the opening earlier this month, he said: "Rivington Place is hugely significant as it's my first completed arts building anywhere in the world. It's a natural addition to the East End's existing landscape of art institutions and reinforces the area's position as a national and international arts and culture destination."

Rivington Place is supported by a £5.9 million Arts Council England Lottery grant and is set to become an important national resource as well as a local cultural and social hub.

The building celebrates the vision of two organisations – the Institute of International Visual Arts (Iniva) and photographic agency Autograph ABP – of establishing a permanent home to profile international issues and lead debate on diversity in contemporary art and photography.

Professor Stuart Hall, Emeritus Professor, Open University and Rivington Place Project Champion, said: "Difference is

complex – it alters and evolves, but does not go away.

"Difference matters and will continue to matter, it provides an incredible source of richness, new ways of seeing and creativity.

"Rivington Place is a landmark building which celebrates diversity and the exciting and essential contribution it makes to the visual arts."

The building, which is the first new-build public gallery in London since the Hayward Gallery opened in 1968, contains two main spaces for exhibitions, film screenings and talks.

It also boasts the Stuart Hall Library; an education space; a photography archive; a café; and the offices of Iniva and Autograph ABP.

Plus it houses workspaces for local creative businesses, sponsored by Hackney Council.

The current exhibition, London is the Place for Me, runs until 24 November, and looks at migration through photography and moving image.

It explores the presence of the many different immigrant communities living in Britain today and features work by Dinu Li, Keith Piper, Mona Hatoum, Harold Offeh and Leticia Valverdes amongst others.

The arts centre can be found off Rivington Place, EC2. For more information, call Iniva on:

020 7749 1254 or visit: www.rivingtonplace.org

By Karyn Michael

Could you adopt?

FAMILIES are urgently needed to adopt children from Black, Asian, and dual heritage backgrounds in Hackney.

That's the message from the Council's Adoption Team who have organised an information evening so residents can find out more about what is involved.

Staff will be on hand to answer questions at the National Adoption Week event on 8 November, from 6pm to 8pm, at the Adoption and Resource Centre, 186 Homerton High Street, E9.

To book a place, call: **020 8356 6320**, e-mail: adoption@hackney.gov.uk, or visit: www.hackneykids.gov.uk

Lifesaver

ACCESS free lifeguard training for Hackney residents at venues across London.

Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), the not-for-profit company which operates Hackney's leisure centres, is offering the free courses as part of a national project to help people into careers in the sport and leisure industry.

You can also train to be a qualified fitness instructor. For more information, call Rebecca Dance on **020 8317 5000**, ext **4020**, e-mail: rebecca.dance@gll.org

Search for a star

DO you do a good Elton, Robbie, Britney, or Whitney? If so, a new, weekly TV talent show could be your chance to reach for the stars.

Auditions are being held next month for the live BBC1 show hosted by Graham Norton, offering a grand prize of a three-month performing contract in Las Vegas.

Acts will have to not only sing like their idols, but look like them, dress like them, and act like them, winning tips from industry professionals each week. For more info call:

09011 27 27 27, or download an application form from: www.bbc.co.uk/ultimatetribute

You're hired

A LUCKY 13 teenagers chosen from hundreds of applicants have been taken on as Hackney Homes apprentices.

The group of 16 to 19-year-olds passed a written test and interview, and will now work four days a week, attending college on the fifth, and learning skills including plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and painting and decorating. For more info visit:

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Purple Bus scheme shortlisted for award

THE Council's Youth Service has been nominated for an award for its innovative Purple Bus scheme.

The popular and distinctive mobile IT unit travels around five different estates across Hackney and provides activities for young people.

They can gain accredited qualifications, access the Internet, play computer games, take part in football, bike maintenance and clothes customising sessions.

A second bus is due to be launched later this year.

The project has been shortlisted in the Children and Young People's Services Awards organised by Children and Young People Now magazine.

The Purple Bus is in the running for the Youth Work award for a project that has done the most to

promote young people's personal development and help them reach their potential.



Hackney's RnB stars



Hackney's award-winning Revenues & Benefits team

Hackney's Revenues and Benefits Service is flying high after scooping two national awards within a week.

The team won a 'Demanding the Best' category at the CIPFA Public Servants of the Year awards, held at the Marriott Hotel, in London's Grosvenor Square on 16 October.

This followed national recognition for the Benefits Service, which won the 'Most Improved Team of the Year' category at the IRRV Awards, held at the Hilton Brighton Metropole on 10 October.

Jules Pipe, Mayor of Hackney, said: "I am delighted that residents are receiving such a good and improved service, which is

getting better all the time due to strong leadership from managers and a relentless drive to raise performance."

According to the latest Audit Commission figures, Hackney and the City of London jointly hold the top spot for being the fastest Councils to process and pay benefits applications in inner London.

Today, it only takes 20 days to process and pay a benefits application in Hackney, much faster than a Government target of under 30 days.

To make a new claim residents complete a form and go through the details with an officer – checks are made to ensure all the right information has been supplied and, if not, residents must

produce it before the application can be fully processed.

The Revenues and Benefits Service has been transformed since a change of management in 2001, receiving Charter Mark status three years ago, and also hosting a visit by James Plaskitt MP, Department for Work and Pensions minister.

A high-profile publicity campaign increased the number of Direct Debit taxpayers from 33 to 40 per cent, a feat also commended last week at the IRRV awards.

By James Willsher



From l to r: Simon Jones, who presented the award, Kay Brown, Vernon Strowbridge, Megan Smart, hosts Felicity Barr, Al-Jazeera newscaster, & Nicholas Owen, BBC newscaster



From l to r: Joanne Deane, Kay Brown, Simon Jones, acting chief executive of Investors in People, Megan Smart, Wendy Kanini, Samantha Lewis

Play safe warning

FAKE condoms found on sale in Hackney are exposing people to the risk of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

The Council and condom manufacturer Durex issued the warning after 1,500 packets of counterfeit condoms were seized by trading standards officers.

The fakes were discovered on sale in corner shops and newsagents in Hackney after a member of the public reported concerns about a packet he bought locally.

Shoppers are urged to check their purchases closely as the fakes come in perfectly copied Durex packaging.

Seven different types of fake three-packs have been identified:

- Durex Extra Safe - serial numbers 20604354
- Arouser - 20906043
- Ribbed - 20905271/

20904142/
2991118

- Performa - TGL 4142
- Gossamer - 21405074
- Select - P4379
- Fetherlite - 21405074

Fiona Fletcher-Smith, Corporate Director for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, said: "The member of the public who reported this should be congratulated for alerting us to this scam."

"Anyone who has bought these brands, especially from independent shops and supermarkets should carefully check the products."

"Obviously this discovery is very important, as counterfeit condoms do not protect against sexually transmitted diseases properly, and nor are they an effective contraceptive." Martyn Ward, Managing Director of Durex added: "



Fiona Fletcher-Smith displays real and fake condom packets

Durex, like many other global businesses, is targeted by counterfeiters. We take incidents like this very seriously indeed and adopt a proactive and robust approach towards combating counterfeiters anywhere in the world.

"We are currently investigating these issues further. If any of the above codes appear on packaging, it is highly likely that these are not genuine Durex condoms and we advise consumers not to use them, as we cannot be sure of their safety."

Consumers with any queries are being advised to contact the Durex Careline on: **0800 338 739** or Hackney Trading Standards on: **020 8356 4929**.

By Lara Gorman

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In brief

Eco award

THE Council has been short-listed for a City Hall award for the most environmentally-friendly public sector organisation in London.

Hackney has introduced a number of measures to reduce its impact on the environment, including sourcing a Scottish hydroelectricity supply for all Council-owned premises and streetlights.

The Council also fuels its fleet with biodiesel and its bin lorries are the greenest in the country.

New council buildings such as 2 Hillman Street, where the cashiers' office is based, have low energy lighting and eco-friendly cooling and heating systems.

Hackney also has solar-powered pay and display machines and Council staff use 100 per cent recycled paper.

The Mayor of London's Green Procurement Code Awards recognise outstanding achievement in sustainable purchasing in the public and private sectors. The awards ceremony takes place on 30 October at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, on the South Bank.

In memoriam

THE congregation at St John at Hackney church and Homerton University Hospital chaplains are holding a memorial service of prayers, music and reflection on 2 November, at 6pm, in St John at Hackney, Lower Clapton Road, E5. Everyone mourning the loss of a family member or friend is invited to attend. For further information contact Rev Rob Wickham on: **020 8985 5374**.

Tackling domestic violence

White Ribbon Fridays are being held across the borough as part of a month-long appeal to raise awareness about violence against women and children. Free events will be held every Friday in November, with information stalls, workshops, question and answer sessions, self-empowerment films, guest speakers and free food and drink. Anyone who lives, works, socialises or studies in the borough is invited to come along. The events are happening at the Queensbridge Sports and Community Centre, Holly St, E8, from 11am to 6pm. To register, contact Kathy on: **020 8356 4464**.

Fitz Hall, Wigan Athletic defender, with footballers from Frampton Park Estate



Premiership star Fitz Hall picked Frampton Park to launch a new initiative to encourage talented young people in sport, music and dance.

The Wigan Athletic defender, who grew up in East London, filmed a promo

for his A-Star project in Hackney to give local young people the chance to showcase their talents.

He said: "There is so much talent on our estates, but our youngsters don't get an opportunity to show this off in a bigger arena."

Young people took part in five-a-side games, dancers entertained the crowd and free-stylers showed off their ball skills. There were also performances from MC Lush and Iceberg Slimm.

A-Star is supported by other Premiership stars

including Micah Richards, Leighton Baines and Emile Heskey.

Fitz added: "I didn't get into football until I was 21 and it was in spite of many people telling me that it would never happen. With A-Star, my main message

to young people is if you want to succeed, don't let anything stop you."

To get involved with A-Star, call or text Ken, on: **07830 354 577**.

By Olaide Oyekanmi

Save your energy & the planet

SAVING the planet sounds like a tall order, but even the smallest of changes could make a big difference, according to the Energy Saving Trust.

From 22 to 28 October, it's Energy Saving Week and everyone is being encouraged to do their bit to help reduce carbon dioxide emissions – one of the main greenhouse gases thought to contribute to climate change.

Home improvement measures such as insulating your loft, filling gaps between your floorboards and putting a jacket on your hot water tank can make a difference to your fuel bills.

Bigger improvements, such as installing a high efficiency boiler, cavity wall insulation and double-glazing can result in savings of hundreds of pounds each year.

Energy Saving Recommended logos on new appliances show which are the most efficient in their category.




There is some financial help from the Government and energy suppliers available for those planning to make improvements to their homes.

If you own your home, rent it from a private landlord, or are on certain benefits, you may be eligible for a Warm Front grant of up to £2,700. To find out more call: **0800 316 2805**, or visit: www.warmfront.co.uk

The Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, has also launched a new scheme to offer Londoners cut price home insulation, with £100 cash back. Call: **0845 070 5059** quoting WEB GLA to check eligibility and arrange a survey.

By Emma Britton

Top 10 tips to help make a difference:

- 1, Turn your thermostat down. Reducing your room temperature by 1°C could cut your heating bills by up to 10 per cent and save £40 per year.** 
- 2, Is your water too hot? Your cylinder thermostat shouldn't need to be set higher than 60°C/140°F.**
- 3, Close your curtains at dusk to stop heat escaping through the windows.**
- 4, Always turn off the lights when you leave a room.** 
- 5, Don't leave appliances on standby and remember not to leave appliances on charge unnecessarily.**
- 6, If you're not filling up the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher, use the half-load or economy programme.**
- 7, Only boil as much water as you need (always cover the elements of an electric kettle).**
- 8, A dripping hot water tap wastes energy, so fix leaking taps and make sure they're fully turned off.**
- 9, Use energy-saving light bulbs. Each bulb can save you £100 over its lifetime – and they last up to 12 times longer than ordinary light bulbs.**
- 10, Do a home energy check and find out how you can save up to £300 on your household bills, call: 0800 512 012, or visit: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk** 

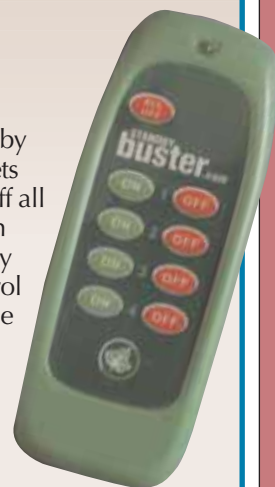


competition

WIN a Standby Buster that lets you switch off all appliances in your home by remote control instead of one by one.

Hackney Homes is giving away five of these great gadgets.

Simply send an e-mail stating one way in which you are saving energy at home to: housingeditor@hackneyhomes.org.uk



Green day for young & old



Getting the green habit early

Ever wanted to know the secret to perfect compost? Well now you can at a fun, free and informative event to be held in Clissold Park on Saturday, 27 October.

Hackney Council's recycling officers have teamed up with East

London Community Recycling Partnership (ELCRP) to hold workshops covering top tips for home composting, how to choose the right composter or wormery, as well as other advice.

Residents will have the chance to discuss

composting and recycling with staff, and see compost being created in a giant wormery.

Junior composters will be kept entertained with face painting, a bouncy castle, and a compost colouring in competition, with a fantastic prize for the winner.

There are many benefits to home composting, including significantly reducing your household waste.

It is estimated that two thirds of an average bin could be composted, instead of thrown away.

CLr Alan Laing, Cabinet

Scenes from Compost In The Park earlier this year



Member for Neighbourhoods said: "Home composting couldn't be easier, residents can find out how to create a natural and nutritious food for their garden, whilst reducing their waste too."

The Council offers compost bins and

wormeries at subsidised prices, call the recycling hotline for more information.

All stories by Annie Gilbert, Recycling Communications Officer

Recycle IT



WITH technology being updated so frequently, people often contact the Council's recycling team to find out how to save their old laptops, computers and IT equipment from the scrap heap.

In Hackney, we recommend two companies:

Computer Aid International – a registered charity that takes unwanted IT equipment and refurbishes it for reuse in schools and hospitals in developing countries. They data wipe all PCs they receive, free of charge. Equipment can either be delivered to their warehouse in Islington, or is collected for a

small contribution.

For more information, call: **020 7281 0091**, e-mail: donate@computeraid.org; or visit: www.computeraid.org

Ecochip – accepts all computer-related equipment, of any age, whether it is broken or working.

Collection is mostly free of charge, however, there may be a small cost depending on the quality and quantity of items, as dismantling fees can apply.

For more information, call: **020 7385 7182**; or e-mail: info@ecochip.co.uk



A leisurely moove

RECYCLING facilities are being installed at leisure centres around the borough, thanks to a partnership between the Council and Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL).

Britannia Leisure Centre in Shoreditch was the first to get recycling bins for paper, tins, cans and plastic bottles.

The bins are decorated with a cow pattern, making

them look more fun and attractive.

Emma Smith, Britannia Leisure Centre manager, said: "The new recycling cow bins look fantastic, it's great that customers have the choice to recycle their waste."

"Many residents who visit the centre make use of the bins, particularly to recycle drinks bottles and cans."

An estimated 91,000 people visit the centre in Hyde Road, N1, each year, which is potentially a lot of recycling for the herd of cow bins to eat.

The Council's recycling team is now looking into installing recycling facilities at the other GLL-run leisure centres across Hackney.

in Clissold Park



Family fun at green event

The Green Genie

Q: I have recently moved house and have an old sofa that I no longer need, can I recycle it?



A: Some organisations will collect and reuse a range of good quality furniture including wardrobes, display units, chests of drawers, three-piece suites and double beds. The idea is to reuse items that would have otherwise have been thrown away. In Hackney we recommend two services:

Collection areas: Hackney: E5, E8, E9, N16
Fee: Free

Restore Community Projects

18 Ashley Road,
N17 9LJ.

T: 020 8493 0900

Collection areas: Hackney
Fee: £10

Homestore

Unit 2, Maryland Estate,
Maryland Rd,
E15 1JW.

T: 020 8519 6264

To ask the Genie a question, which will be answered in Hackney Today, e-mail: recycling@hackney.gov.uk, or write to: Green Genie, Rm 47, Town Hall, Mare St, E8 1EA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call: 020 8356 6688

E-mail: recycling@hackney.gov.uk

Visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling

Compost Workshop

27 October Clissold Park 11am – 2pm

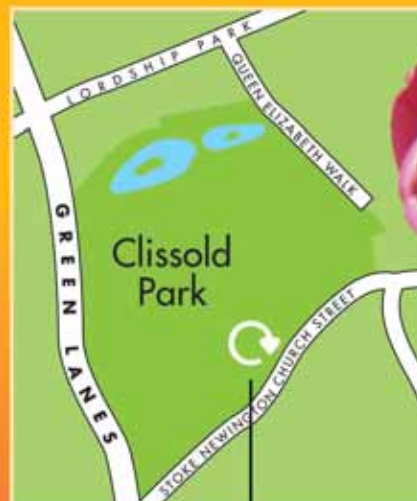
Compost workshops with ELCRP

Session 1:	11.30am – 12.00pm
Q & A:	12:00pm – 12.15pm
Session 2:	12.45pm – 1.15pm
Q & A:	1.15pm – 1.30pm

Find out:

- How to create the perfect compost
- The do's and don'ts of home composting
- How to choose the right composter or wormery for you
- The environmental benefits of home composting

Please phone Ander Zabala for more information on 020 8356 3806 or email ander.zabala@hackney.gov.uk



Near the Café

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FIREWORKS

BE SAFE—NOT SORRY

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE CODE

It's festival time and we're all out enjoying ourselves and celebrating. Make this festive season a safe celebration by following the fire safety checklist:

BEFORE THE DISPLAY

- Only buy from a legitimate retailer
- Inform neighbours and be aware of their concerns
- Check the fireworks you buy are suitable for the size of the garden
- Read the instructions in daylight or with a torch
- One person – clearly identified – should be responsible for fireworks

THINGS YOU WILL NEED ON THE NIGHT

- Torch for checking instructions
- Bucket of water
- Eye protection and gloves
- Bucket of soft earth to stick fireworks in
- Suitable supports for Catherine Wheels, proper launchers for rockets

DURING THE DISPLAY

- Don't set off fireworks after 11pm (except on 5th November when they can be used up to midnight; and New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year and Diwali when they can be used up to 1am the following day).
- Stand well back and light fireworks at arm's length with a taper
- Never go back to a firework after it has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode
- Always supervise children
- Keep pets indoors

BONFIRES

- Bonfires should be at least 18 metres (60ft) away from houses, trees hedges, fences or sheds
- Use domestic firelighters
- Never use petrol, paraffin or other flammable liquids for bonfires

Hackney

competition



TOP chefs Gordon Ramsay, Rick Stein and James Martin will all be in action at the BBC Good Food Show London next month.

The event at Olympia from 16 to 18 November is an opportunity to savour gourmet foods, watch master chefs at work, sample gastronomic delights and take home the finest quality products.

As well as demonstrations and Q&A sessions with celebrity chefs, the show features a food festival and fair and Christmas 'must haves'.

The event also offers a snapshot

of fine dining across London at The Dining Experience which offers visitors the chance to taste mini dishes from 12 of the capital's top restaurants: Aubergine, Imli, Blue Elephant, Boxwood Café, The Narrow, Memories of China, Zafferano, Vama, Smiths of Smithfield, the Savoy Grill, Theo Randall and Angela Hartnett.



For those who like a tippie or two, there's a fine wine, beer and spirits show, plus tutored wine tastings and a piano bar to relax in.

For more information, visit: www.bbcgoodfoodshow.com

Hackney Today is offering readers five pairs of tickets to the show on Sunday, 18 November.

To win, simply send in your name, address and contact telephone number, by noon on 30 October, to: The BBC Good Food Show competition, Hackney Today, Communications, 3rd Floor, 2 Hillman Street, E8 1FB. Or email your entry to lee.ray@hackney.gov.uk

The winners of the Hackney Today The Unexpected Guest competition in issue 169 were: P Sweet from N16, S Porter from N1, J Greenwood from E9, F Gaynor from E5. They each won a pair of tickets to see the show at the Hackney Empire.

Health in mind



Kurdish arts and crafts



A meditation workshop



Sharing feelings



A unicycle hockey player shows how it's done



Finding out more

Music, dance and the unusual spectacle of unicycle hockey were among an array of activities organised to mark World Mental Health Day in Hackney.

More than 300 people attended an event at the Sport and Performing Arts Centre in Hackney Community College, on 10 October.

Visitors were able to find out about the mental health services available in the borough, and enjoyed African, Turkish and Kurdish music and dance workshops.

Other entertainment also included a display of

unicycle hockey, henna painting, poetry performance, drama, dance, Tibetan singing bowls and meditation sessions.

Speakers included Cllr Sharon Patrick, Cabinet Adviser for Public Health, and Meg Hillier, MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, who opened the proceedings.

The day brought together a number of mental health organisations from across the borough, including event organiser East London and the City University Mental Health NHS Trust (ELCMHT).

Sue Balmer, ELCMHT Borough Director for

Mental Health Services, said: "This year's venue and stalls were really vibrant. People put a lot of work into making the day such a success.

"Events like this challenge the stigma around mental illness and show that difficult experiences can contribute to positive ones."

The Mental Health Education Project, run at the college, also celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, having supported more than 3,000 people, many back into education, training, and employment.

**Words: James Willsher
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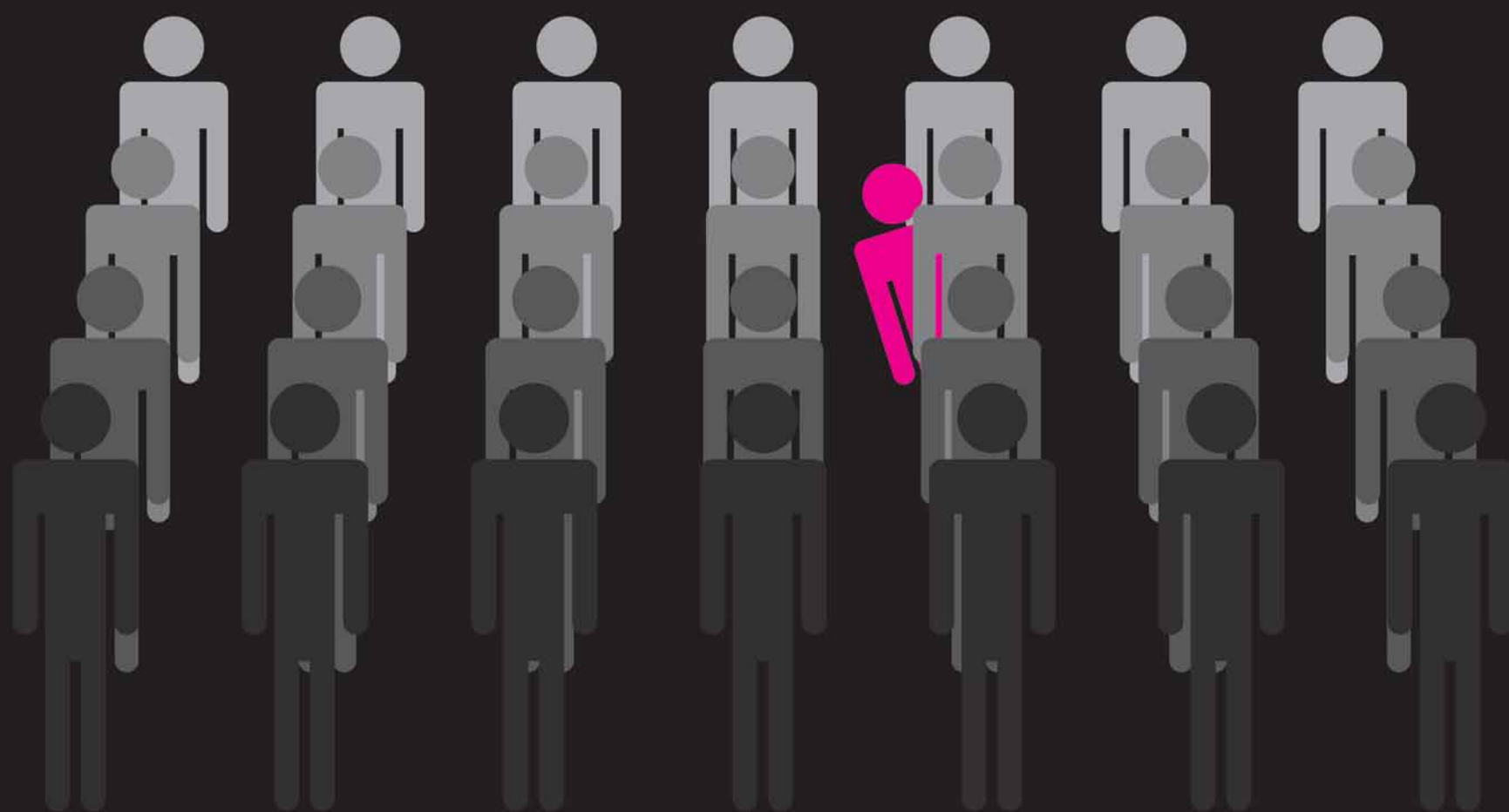
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HACKNEY Archives



Hackney Downs School c.1905, by Albert Hester. (Ref: P13067)

School life

HACKNEY Downs (now the site of the Mossbourne Academy) began life in 1876 as the Grocers' Company's School.

It opened as a boy's school providing education for pupils aged seven to 15, with a yearly fee of £6. Looking at some of its records, it

interesting to see how much schools have changed since then – and how little.

For example, the 1879 regulations give a list of the subjects taught. These include English Language and Literature, History, Mathematics and French – all familiar to current secondary school pupils.

However, most modern schoolchildren do not study

Surveying and Book-Keeping, or have after-school classes in Short-Hand and Water-Colours.

There were some extra-curricular differences as well. Alongside music and sports clubs, a large number of boys belonged to the school battalion, which held parades and practised formations.

However homework has not changed. According to the regulations, boys were to be set between 45 minutes and two hours a night – closely in-line with current Government guidelines.

Modern teachers may feel sympathy with the plea in the 1879 regulations that: "Every boy's name must be legibly written in his cap, great coat, and umbrella; otherwise the Head Master cannot pretend to rectify mistakes concerning them."

Moving forward in time, a clothing list from the 1950s

shows the standard school uniform of shirt, trousers, pullover and tie was firmly in place (except for the younger boys, who seem to have been stuck with shorts and stockings in all weathers).

The school changed its name to Hackney Downs in 1905 and became known for its ambitious dramatic productions.

However these had one unintended consequence. A fire on 19 March 1963, probably started by theatre lighting, caused massive damage to two buildings. They were rebuilt and in 1969 the school went

A classroom at Hackney Downs c.1910. (Ref: P13097.22)



comprehensive, but was finally closed in 1995 after well over a century of teaching. The Mossbourne

Academy opened on the site in 2004.

By Siân Mogridge, Archivist



Parade of the school battalion c.1935. (Ref: P15022)

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Health advice

By Mary Stuart



Why go organic?

SOME people still don't know exactly what organic means, or are suspicious when it's mentioned.

Food that has been grown organically, has been done so without the use of chemical-pesticides and herbicides. These chemicals have damaged the environment: animal, bird and insect populations have been adversely reduced. Also the soil has been affected by these chemicals, so imagine the effect this has had on our bodies?

Organic food is now widely available – it's not as expensive as it was, but we still need to pay a bit more for this type of food production.

However, the best way to get a good deal is to buy produce at a market.

If you feel you can't afford to go completely organic at first, think about the food you use regularly. Carrots, onions, apples etc.

Organic leafy greens are best, as non-organic greens are sprayed several times before they reach your kitchen table. Another way is to order a regular box of vegetables and fruit. In Hackney, we have Growing Communities, which runs a weekly market every Saturday in Stoke Newington. In fact, it's the first Organic Farmers' Market of its kind. They also offer a reasonable box scheme. You can find out more at:

www.growingcommunities.org

If you want a healthy body and environment, organic food is the best choice. Cut out the junk, make room for chemical free, energising goodness. Live well. Eat well.

For more information contact: **020 7275 8434**, or marystuart76@hotmail.com

By Mary Stuart DThd, DNMed, MBANT

have your say



Home Care

THE Home Care service in Hackney is due to be re-contracted through private and voluntary providers.

Now is your last chance to have your say about how the service is operated before a public consultation period ends on 11 November.

We want to hear from the borough's carers and those who currently take advantage of the Council run service.

Older people, children, and adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health challenges can get home help from the service.

Your input on what you value most about Home Care will help us tell potential new providers what users needs and priorities are.

Request a feedback form from Diane Thompson on: **020 8356 4656**; or e-mail: diane.thompson@hackney.gov.uk

Streets for people – Dalston update

CONSULTATION on the first phase of a scheme to transform Hackney's public spaces has been extended.

Residents now have an extra chance to find out more about plans to redevelop central Dalston as part of the Streets For People scheme.

A fourth drop-in session is being held this month so local people can have their say about proposals.

It takes place on 24 October, from 7-9pm, at the Mayville Community Centre, Woodville Road, N16.

For more information contact Hackney Street Scene on: **020 8356 2897**.

Powerscroft Road safety scheme

A NEW safety scheme has been developed with a residents group and we would like your thoughts on the latest proposals.

Since the introduction of a 20mph zone in 2006, people living in

Powerscroft Road, E5, have expressed dissatisfaction at the type and effect of the traffic calming measures.

Therefore, a completely new scheme has been proposed – with the help of Powerscroft Road Initiative for Neighbourhood Community & Environment (PRINCE) – which we want your views on. For further information contact Hackney Service Centre on: **020 8356 2897** or e-mail: info@hackney.gov.uk

Thames Water plans for the next 25 years

The UK's largest water company is asking for feedback on a 25 year plan for water services in the area.

Thames Water has developed a long-term draft strategy following a series of public discussions with customers and stakeholders earlier this year. Now they want to hear your views on the proposals outlined in the document, called 'Taking Care Of Water'.

The consultation period ends on 26 October. Once your views have been heard, the strategy will be finalised and sent to industry regulator OFWAT in December. To see the document in full and make your views known, visit: www.thameswaterconsult.co.uk

By Gabriel Harriss, Information Officer

Getting Hackney reading



A juggler entertains the crowd



Learning Trust chief executive Alan Wood, Cllr Rita Krishna and kids play giant board game Word On The Street



About the Words Unite campaign

Words Unite is a community-wide campaign to inspire more people to pick up a book, magazine or newspaper. The aim is to boost literacy levels in the borough and increase peoples' economic potential.

It features a fun packed schedule of reading activities,



Children's Laureate Michael Rosen is supporting the campaign

initiatives and events run by Hackney schools, libraries, community groups and adult education centres. These include:

- Book clubs for teenagers – two reading groups aimed exclusively at 13 to 16-year-olds, who select what they want to read, and sell the idea to the group. Local authors are invited as guests, including Catherine Johnson, who wrote the script for cult film 'Bullet Boy'.
- Chatterbox reading clubs – book clubs for eight to 12-year-olds, monthly in Stamford Hill and CLR James Library, Dalston. Reviews of favourite books are posted on the library walls to encourage other children to borrow them. Local authors are also invited to attend the sessions.
- Homework Clubs – Hackney's libraries are



peaceful places where children of all ages can do their homework with help from tutors, free of charge. Lap tops and printers are also available. The clubs are held at Hackney Central Library, Thurs & Fri, from 3.30-5.30pm, or Sat, 11am-1pm. Stoke Newington Library, Mon, Tues and Weds, 3.30-5.30pm.

- Bookstart – Children aged up to three can receive free packs of books under a Government scheme.

Parents and carers are invited to attend Bookstart sessions at their local library to claim the free packs and read the books together with their children, other mothers and librarians.

For information about Bookstart, visit: www.bookstart.co.uk/parents-and-carers/packs For details of activities at Hackney libraries, e-mail: anita.kane@hackney.gov.uk

It's a suitcase packed and ready to take you somewhere you never expected to go ... that's how prize-winning children's author Geraldine McCaughrean explained what books meant to her.

She was speaking at the Words Unite festival in the Town Hall Square on Saturday, 6 October.

The colourful event marked the start of a year-long Words Unite campaign run by The Learning Trust and funded by Team Hackney, to get everyone in the borough reading.

Geraldine, who is a winner of prestigious children's book award, the Carnegie Medal, launched the campaign by unveiling a Words Unite banner outside The Learning Trust building. Dressed as Peter Pan, the lead character from her new paperback, Geraldine recalled how she came to love books as a child.

She said: "I was raised in a tiny house with not many books, and my mother took me to Enfield Library where

the books towered over me like cliffs. Books were a fire escape into the wonderful world of the imagination."

Attending the launch, Cllr Rita Krishna, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, and chair of Team Hackney's Children and Young Peoples' partnership, described Words Unite as: "The single most important campaign that we're running in Hackney."

She added: "It's important to help your children with reading, but it's also something for you personally."

The event was well attended and crowds flocked to the square to watch entertainment from African drummers and Jay Kumar's Dance Asia, together with, stilt walkers, jugglers and clowns.

Favourite fairy tale and comic book characters including Superman, Robin Hood, Darth Vader and Tinkerbell kept youngsters amused.

There were many stalls offering books for sale,

healthy food and drinks, T-shirt design and printing for adults.

Young and old also took part in Word Up, a team panel game based on C4 quiz show Countdown, and a giant board game called Word on the Street.

For more information visit: www.gethackneyreading.com

Words: Ruth Garland
Pictures: Gary Manhine



Words Unite is aimed at readers of all ages



competition

Books and CDs up for grabs

TO mark the launch of Words Unite, Hackney Today has two copies of Geraldine McCaughrean's latest book 'Peter Pan in Scarlet' to give away.

The celebrated author has also signed two CDs of her popular interpretation of Greek Myths and Roman Myths for lucky readers.

To win, just answer the following question: In which popular children's story does Tinkerbell appear?



Author Geraldine McCaughrean



A, Angelina Ballerina
B, JM Barrie's Peter Pan
C, Cinderella

Send your answer, by noon on 4 November, with your name, address and phone number to: The Words Unite competition, Hackney Today, Communications, 3rd Floor, 2 Hillman Street, E8 1FB. Or e-mail your answer and details to: lee.ray@hackney.gov.uk

Prizes donated to Words Unite by Victoria Park Books and BBC Audiobooks.



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Hackney Best Bar None Award Scheme Launch

The 2007 Best Bar None Scheme is being launched in the Shoreditch and Haggerston area today.

Licensed businesses (pubs, clubs, bars and some restaurants) are encouraged to apply for Best Bar None accreditation over the next weeks.

The scheme aims to promote cleaner and safer night time activity in Hackney, at the same time contributing to London's vibrant and lucrative visitor economy, which adds to the Capital's 'world city' image.

Best Bar None aims to give the customer a more informed choice and also encourage premises to trade at a higher standard.

If you would like more information on the Hackney Best Bar None Scheme, contact the Licensing Service on 020 8356 4931 or go to www.hackneybestbarnone.com

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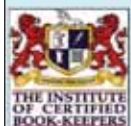
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Spreading the word

One of Hackney's most well-known companies is to be used as a business model to inspire others nationally.

The chief of Hackney Community Transport (HCT), which runs bus routes across the borough, has been named as a social enterprise ambassador by the government.

Chief Executive Officer, Dai Powell, is one of 25 leaders in the not-for-profit sector chosen to 'demonstrate the power of business to drive social, economic and environmental change'.

Under Dai's leadership HCT has grown into one of the country's largest and most successful social enterprises.

The company started out providing Hackney residents with a couple of accessible taxis in 1982.

Today, HCT runs Hackney's 394 and 388 mainstream London bus routes, as well as services in Haringey, Camden, Islington, Lambeth and Southwark.

It also takes 500 special needs youngsters to school in Waltham Forest each day, runs social services day centre transport in Kensington and Chelsea, and yellow school buses in Yorkshire.

Dai has lived in Hackney since 1989. He originally joined HCT as a volunteer in 1990 when it had a staff of eight.

It now employs nearly 450 people and has an annual turnover of around £16m.

Profits are re-invested back into much needed community transport services, such as Hackney's 816 bus service, a partnership project with the

HCT chief executive Dai Powell and Hackney MP Meg Hillier



Kids give HCT the thumbs up

Council.

Many staff are Hackney residents who have used HCT's training programme for unemployed people to find paid work.

Jude Winter, HCT's Deputy CEO, said: "Dai is exactly the right type of person to have in this role of social enterprise ambassador.

"He has the ability to

inspire people, to demonstrate the value of procuring services through social enterprises and convince leaders to take a more entrepreneurial position, while keeping the social aims of the organisation in the forefront."

The ambassadors represent the best of a vibrant national social enterprise movement. They



Driver Eric Boayke at the wheel

are tasked with spreading the word that it is an extremely practical solution to a wide range of social and environmental problems – as well as being a viable and fulfilling career choice.

Dai said: "We are all delighted the success of HCT Group has been recognised in this important way and I am personally honoured by this invitation.

"I shall be looking to applying what we all at HCT have achieved to promote social enterprise and to working with the government and the Social Enterprise Coalition to achieve these goals."

For more information about HCT visit: www.hctgroup.org

By Jane Young

In brief

London is your Oyster

Hackney folk can get 2-for-1 deals at some of London's top attractions simply by using their Oyster card.

Transport for London (TfL) has teamed up with big entertainment companies to offer a wide range of 2-for-1 discounts at London galleries, shows, museums, attractions and restaurants. These include:

- Attractions: The London Dungeon, Natural History Museum, Museum in Docklands, London Eye & London Aquarium
- Lifestyle & Culture: Tate, Royal Horticultural Society, Vinopolis, LOVEFiLM & the Chelsea Football Stadium Tour
- West End Shows: Chicago, Les Miserables, Stomp, The Woman In Black & Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story
- Restaurants: Imli, Thai Square and selected restaurants at the Grange Holborn Hotel, Grange Langham Hotel and Grange Rochester Hotel.

Oyster users just need to show their card at the venue and quote Oyster offers to enjoy days and evenings out for less.

For the full range of offers, and details of how to take advantage of them, visit: www.tfl.gov.uk/oyster

More Stansted Express services

AN extra 13 Stansted Express services a week will start running from Liverpool Street station from 9 December. The new extended timetable has been introduced to help meet increased demand from travellers, in particular at peak times.

It will provide greater choice for people flying in and out of the airport at night or in the early morning. Robin Gisby, Director of Operations & Customer Services at Network Rail, said: "Passengers want trains to run from very early till very late, every day.

"We share this aspiration, but the challenge is how to make the very best of the few hours each night we have to undertake the necessary maintenance to keep trains running.

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"This will enable more services to run and is a massive step towards our seven day railway vision and will make a real difference to people using Stansted Airport."

For more information and timetable details, visit: www.stanstedexpress.com

Crossrail on track

THE long-awaited Crossrail project to build a major new rail link across London has been given the go-ahead by Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Construction of the line, which will whisk passengers from Maidenhead in Berkshire to Essex via central

London, is expected to cost £16 billion and begin in 2010.

Trains are due to start running in 2017 with up to 24 services an hour into the heart of London from the east and west, improving rail links to the West End, City and Docklands.

Crossrail will also boost international links by joining the city centre to Heathrow, London City Airport (at Custom House), Stansted Airport (at Liverpool Street), Gatwick and Luton Airports (at Farringdon) and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (at Stratford).

Crossrail's planned 118km track will have 37 stations and carry an estimated 200

million passengers a year.

The Government is providing a third of the money with the rest made up from borrowing against future fares and a levy on London business rates.

The project is expected to create 14,000 new jobs during construction and boost existing regeneration plans in areas including the Thames

Gateway.

Announcing the agreement on 5 October, Gordon Brown said: "For decades the idea of Crossrail – a major new railway connecting central London, the City and Canary Wharf to Heathrow and to commuter areas east and west of the capital – has been a long-held dream for business and Londoners alike."

Mayor Ken Livingstone hailed the announcement and said: "Crossrail is not just a transport scheme, it is the key to the next 20 years of economic development in London."

By Emma Britton

Crossrail map showing connections





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Playwright Noel Coward is a secret

agent – but working for which side?

And why is the stuttering King George VI disguised as a bellhop?

That's the plot for 'The Dorchester' a new comedy written by J B Miller and directed by Lynda Baron, on at the Jermyn Street Theatre in Piccadilly, from 13 November to 8 December.

For tickets or more information call the Box Office on: **020 7287 2875**, or visit: www.okaicollier.co.uk/dorchester.htm

Hackney Today has five pairs of tickets to the show to give away.

To win just send your name, address and contact phone number to: The Dorchester competition, Hackney Today, Communications, 3rd Floor, 2 Hillman Street, E8 1FB.

Or e-mail your details to: lee.ray@hackney.gov.uk. Entries must be received by noon on 2 November.

Carmen winner



The winner of the Hackney Today Carmen competition in issue 168 was Mrs D Skinner, from E9. She won tickets to see the show at Hackney Empire on 21 October, plus a souvenir programme and poster, handmade Spanish shawl and lace fan, and orange spiced potpourri.

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Job Profile

Brenda Woods

One of the Council's Meals on Wheels drivers talks to Hackney Today about the advertised post



What's good about your job?

The job is interesting and challenging. I love driving around the borough, getting out and about, being on the road and meeting people. It's good to see what the elderly are like and how they live, and to help them out when something goes wrong. I also live locally so it's easy for me to get to work. The team is great! I've worked here since 2004 and there are people who have worked here for six months and others who have worked here for 30 years! Everyone gets along

really well and we're like a family.

What type of person do you need to be?

You need to be happy, patient and understanding of people's needs. Not everyone you visit will be in the best mood but as long as you're polite and professional that's what counts.

What skills do you need?

We give on-the-job training on the basics including lifting and handling, food hygiene and temperature monitoring, which is very important in this role.

What's unique about the job?

The working hours are great if you have a young family. We work from 10.30am to 2.30pm so you can drop your child off at school in the morning and collect them in the afternoon. It's a good fit around family life.

What have you learnt from your job?

I've learnt a lot about the borough and have travelled all around Hackney. I've also learnt about the many different ethnicities living in the borough and how to deal with each person as an individual.

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PCV Driver (Category D unrestricted – manual or automatic)

Part-time (split-shift, 33 hrs/wk)

£18,746.75 pro rata (pay award pending)

Ref: COS222/50209/HT

Both these roles will see you help provide efficient and effective transport services to our Social Services clients. You will need experience and an understanding of working with people with disabilities, and be willing and able to assist them as part of your daily routine.

Meals-on-Wheels Drivers

Part-time (18 hrs/wk – five-day rota, inc. weekends and bank holidays)

£9,277.50 pro rata (pay award pending)

Ref: COS220/50207/HT

Delivering hot meals to older people in their homes will not only call for you to use your knowledge of Hackney; it will also see you observe and report back on any changes in the people you deliver to, maintaining an important daily link with some of our most at-risk and isolated residents.

All of the above posts are subject to possession of a clean driving licence and Criminal Records Bureau checks.

You can download an application pack from www.hackney.gov.uk/jobs or call our Response Handling Consultants on 020 7649 6044 or email hackney@tmpw.co.uk quoting the appropriate job reference number and your full contact details.

Closing date for completed applications: Monday, 5 November 2007.

Short listing will be held: Monday, 19 November 2007.

Interviews will be held: w/c Monday, 10 December 2007.

Through the Local Government Pension Scheme, the Council offer a generous and competitive final salary scheme.

One of the core values of the Council is an unequivocal commitment to the principle and operation of equality in terms of how we deliver the best services to our customers and all the people of Hackney, how we recruit, and how we support our staff. We welcome applications from people who can make that principle a reality.



A-Z summary of local services

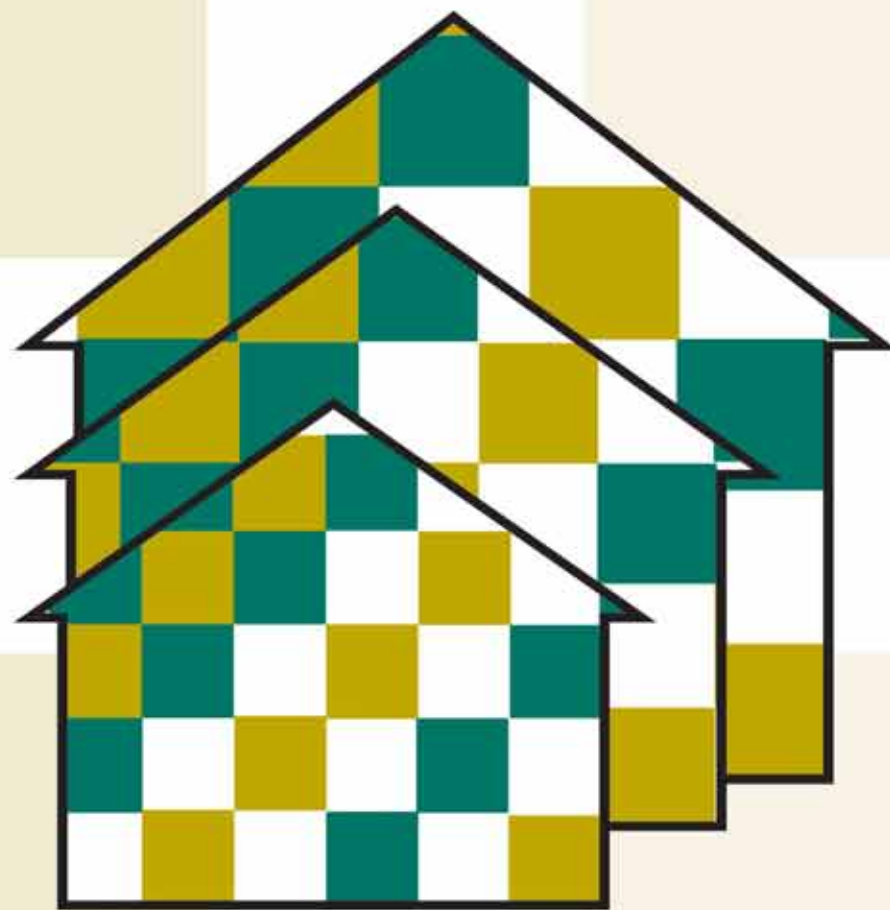
Service	Phone	Service	Phone	Service	Phone
Abandoned vehicles	020 8356 7245	Graffiti and Flyposting Removal	020 8356 6688	Older People (Response Team)	020 8356 4678
Adoption and Fostering	0800 0730 418	Hackney Archives	020 7241 2886	Parking Enquiries and Appeals	020 8356 8877
Access Team	020 8356 6262	Hackney Choice	020 8356 2135	Parking Payments	020 8356 8888
Anti-Social Behaviour (8am-6pm Monday to Friday, with out of hours answer machine)	020 8356 3030	Hackney Museum	020 8356 3500	Parks	020 8356 8429
Anti-Social Behaviour (Estates)	020 8356 1902	Hackney Service Centre	020 8356 3000	Payments	020 8356 3000
Crackdown Line (to report a crack den on estates)	020 8356 3333	Hackney Today (editorial) or (advertising)	020 8356 3275 020 8356 3445	Payments (Automated)	020 8356 5050
Births, Deaths and Marriages	0208 356 3000 0208 356 3131 (Deaths)	Highway Repairs	020 8356 2897	Pest Control	020 8356 6688
Building Control	020 8356 8124	Homerton Neighbourhood Housing Office or (Repairs)	020 8356 7800 020 8356 3691	Pest Control (Estates)	020 8356 3691
Business Rates	020 8356 3466	Housing - Advice	020 8356 2929	Planning (General Enquiries)	020 8356 8062
Cashiers Hackney Town Hall	020 8356 3366	Housing Complaints – Managed by Hackney Homes	020 8356 5022	Police (Non-urgent)	020 7739 1212
Cashiers Stoke Newington	020 8356 5119	Housing Benefits	020 8356 3399	Pollution Control	020 8356 4455
Child Protection Issues (Helpline)	020 8356 5546	Housing Repairs	0208 356 3691	Recycling	020 8356 6688
Children's Information Services	020 8820 7590 /020 8820 7583	The Learning Trust	020 8820 7000	Refuse Collection - Bulky Waste Collection	020 8356 6688
Children's Social Care or (Out of Hours)	020 8356 5500 020 8356 2300	Leisure Centres	020 8356 3000	Refuse Collection - Commercial Waste	020 8533 7583
Complaints	020 8356 3770	Library Information and Renewal Line	020 8356 2539	Refuse Collection - Hazardous Waste	020 8356 6688
Consumer Advice	020 8356 4929	Licensing Service	020 8356 4970	Refuse Collection - Household Rubbish	020 8356 6688
Council Tax	020 8356 3154	Lighting on Estates	020 8356 3691	Road Safety	020 8356 2897
Council Tax Benefits	020 8356 3399	Markets	020 8356 3367	Shoreditch Neighbourhood Housing Office or (Repairs)	020 8356 6705 020 8356 3691
Councillors	020 8356 3207 /020 8356 3303	Mayor (and Cabinet)	020 8356 3220	Social Care Out of Hours Support (after 5pm)	020 8356 2346
Disability (assistance)	020 8356 6262	Mediation Service	020 8356 4794	Speaker of Hackney	020 8356 3207
Disability (children)	020 7241 0900	Mental Health Services	020 8356 4685	Special Educational Needs	020 8820 7000
Domestic Violence and Hate Crime	0800 056 0905	Neighbourhood Committees & Forums	020 8356 3373	Sports Services	020 8356 7443
Drug Action Team	020 8356 2180	Noise Pollution	020 8356 4455	Street Cleaning and Litter Removal	020 8356 6688
Elections	020 8356 3232	North East Housing N'hood Office Stamford Hill or (Repairs)	020 8356 6500 020 8356 3691	Street Lighting	020 8356 2897
Environmental Enforcement	020 8356 4810	North West N'hood Housing Office Stoke Newington or (Repairs)	020 8356 6100 020 8356 3691	Trading Standards	020 8356 4929
Environmental Health	020 8356 4911			Traffic and Transport	020 8356 2897
Fraud Housing Benefits Counter Fraud Team	020 8356 2508			Youth Service	020 8356 7404/7403

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The Underoccupation Cash Incentive Scheme

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For friendly, helpful advice about your options, contact:
The Mobility Team, Christopher Addison House,
72 Wilton Way, London, E8 1BJ

Telephone: 020 8356 5769/5765

Please note: We cannot help you if you live in a high floor home unless you are 55 or older

Money to help you move



Consultation on the Design of Controlled Parking Zone (N): Homerton and Lower Clapton



We are pleased to announce that approval has been given for the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Homerton and Lower Clapton areas.

We will now be conducting a second consultation about the design of the CPZ to ensure that it meets your needs. If you live or operate a business within the affected area you will soon be receiving a consultation pack. If you do not receive a pack please call 0208 356 8877 to be sent a copy.

We are consulting to gain your views on several key issues:

- The operational hours the scheme will operate during week days and weekends.
- The allocation of parking bays in your street.

Please remember to return your questionnaire by **Tuesday 11 December 2007**

You can also have your say by:

Email: consultparking@hackney.gov.uk

Phone: 0208 356 8877

Attend one of our drop-in sessions:

Monday 29 October (4pm – 8pm)

Chats Palace Arts Centre, 42 - 44 Brooksby's Walk, E9 6DF

Tuesday 30 October (4pm – 8pm)

Chats Palace Arts Centre, 42 - 44 Brooksby's Walk, E9 6DF

For more information and a downloadable copy of the consultation leaflet please refer to our website: www.hackney.gov.uk/parking



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Your Mayor & local councillors

Councillors are elected by the residents of Hackney, and serve for four years. The last elections were in May 2006.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping oversee Hackney Council and the services it provides.

They all hold 'advice surgeries', times when you can meet them and ask them to take up issues that may be of concern.

Generally councillors can help with Council related matters and the services delivered by Hackney Council, although if the matter is the responsibility of another person or organisation they can often point you in the right direction and tell you who you might need to see.

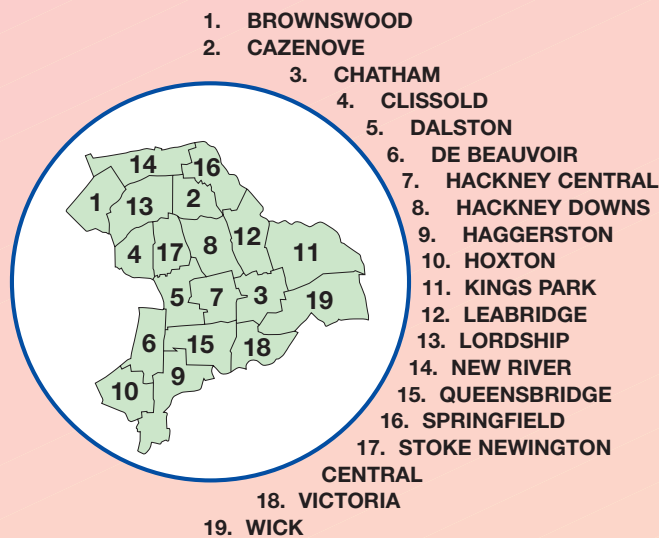
There are 57 councillors covering the borough representing areas called wards. These are below.

Please note some councillors do not hold surgeries in August due to the holidays. Please call the number below to check times and dates.

If you want to know which councillor covers your area call **020 8356 3000**.

To find out more about Hackney Council and councillors log onto www.hackney.gov.uk.

Hackney's wards in alphabetical order



Advice Surgery on Crime and Community Safety issues

Cllr Nkafu 5-6pm 1st Monday of the month, Town Hall, Mare St, E8.
Ring 020 8356 3211 for an appointment.

BROWNSWOOD 1

Cllr Darren Parker
1st Friday each month, 9-10am, Robin Redmond Resource Centre, 440 Seven Sisters Road Woodberry Down Estate, N4
Cllr Feryat Demirci
1st Saturday each month, 11am-12.30pm, Amwell Court Community Hall, Green Lanes, N4
Cllr Brian Bell
3rd Wednesday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Kings Crescent Community Hall, off Green Lanes, N4

CAZENOVE 2

Cllrs Stauber & Sharer
Each Thursday, 10.30-11.30am, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16.
Cllr Dawood Akhoon
1st & 3rd Saturday each month, 10am-12.30pm, NLMCC, 68 Cazenove Rd, N16.
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, 10am-12.30pm, Stamford Hill Community Hall, Stamford Hill Estate, N16.
Cllr Akhoon can visit housebound constituents - call 020 8806 1147 on Saturday 10am-12.30pm, or call Members' Services on 020 8356 5000

CHATHAM 3

Cllrs Luke Akehurst, Sally Mulready, Guy Nicholson
2nd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Jack Dunning Community Hall, Homerton Row, E9
Last Friday each month, 7-8pm, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8

CLISSOLD 4

Cllr Linda Smith
1st Wednesday each month, 10-11am at Hawksley Court Community Hall
Cllr Karen Alcock
2nd Friday each month, 6-7pm at Milton Gardens Community Hall, Milton Gardens Estate (disabled access)
Cllr Karen Alcock and Linda Smith in rotation
3rd Monday each month, 5-6pm at Burma Court Community Hall, Burma Rd, N16
Cllr Mischa Borris
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm Frank Haley Community Room, Burma Court Estate, Burma Road, N16

DALSTON 5

Cllrs Sophie Linden, Nargis Khan & Angus Mulready-Jones
1st Thursday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Evelyn Court, Amhurst Rd, E8.
2nd Saturday each month, 12 noon-1pm, Community Hall, Millard Close, Shellgrove Estate, N16
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, CLR James Library, 24-30 Dalston Lane, E8

DE BEAUVOIR 6

Cllrs Robert Chapman, Gulay Icoz & Christopher McShane
2nd Saturday each month, 11-12noon, Coleville Community Hall, 35 Branch St, N1.
3rd Saturday each month - ward walkabout surgery in the afternoon.
You can email the Councillors at DeBeauvoir@hackney-labour.org.uk, or telephone a message to Member Services 020 8356 3207/3350.

HACKNEY CENTRAL 7

Cllrs Samantha Lloyd, Alan Laing & Vincent Stops (on a rota basis)
1st Saturday each month, 10am-11am, Pembury Senior Citizens Club, Hindrey Rd, Pembury Estate, E8
2nd Saturday each month, 11am-12 noon, Wilton Wilton Community Hall, Greenwood Rd, E8
4th Saturday each month, 11am-12 noon, Mountford Community Hall, Cecilia Road, E8
Cllr Laing is also available by appointment at the Town Hall. Call 020 8356 3350/3207 to make an appointment.

HACKNEY DOWNS 8

Cllr Faizullah Khan
1st Saturday each month, 11am-12 noon, Gooch House meeting room, Gooch House (access via Concierge Reception) Kenninghall Rd, E5
Cllr Michael Desmond
1st Sunday each month, 11am-12 noon, Nightingale Estate Office, 7 Olympus Square, Nightingale Estate, E5. Cllr Desmond can also be seen by appointment at Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8, call 020 8356 3373
Cllr Sem Moema
2nd Sunday each month, 11am-12 noon, Nightingale Estate Office, 7 Olympus Square, Nightingale Estate, E5
Last Sunday each month, 11am-12 noon, Landfield Community Hall, Landfield Estate, Stellman Close E5

HAGGERSTON 9

Cllrs Afolasade Bright, Barry Buitekant and Jonathan McShane
1st Monday each month, 7-8pm, Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old St EC1
1st Thursday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Haggerston Community Centre, Haggerston Rd, E8
2nd Thursday each month, 7-8pm, Fellows Court Community Hall, Weymouth Terrace, E2
3rd Thursday each month, 6.30-7.30pm Goldsmith's Community Hall, Goldsmith's Square, E2
4th Saturday each month, 11am-noon, VLC Centre, Whiston Rd, E2

The Mayor



Jules Pipe

Hackney has an executive Mayor, Jules Pipe, who is not a councillor, but is directly elected by the entire borough.

The Mayor is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services.

Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of the Council who is elected annually from the borough's 57 councillors. Faizullah Khan is the current Speaker.

HOXTON 10

Cllr Clayeon McKenzie
2nd Tuesday each month, 6pm-7pm, The Bell Club, Bowling Green Walk, Pitfield St, N1
Cllr Carole Williams
2nd Monday each month, 5.30pm-6.30pm, 16a Malcolm House, Arden Estate, N1
Cllr Philip Glanville
3rd Wednesday each month 6-7pm at the Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1. Cllr Glanville can also be contacted on 07967 116537.
3rd Saturday of every month, 11am-12 noon, The Bell Club, Bowling Green Walk, Pitfield St, N1

KINGS PARK 11

Cllr Sharon Patrick
1st Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Community Flat, 5 Oswald's Mead, Sherry's Wharf, E9 (disabled access). I can visit constituents who are disabled or housebound at other times. Please ring 020 8356 3373 to arrange a visit.
Cllr Saleem Siddiqui
1st & 3rd Friday each month, 7-8pm, Vi Forrester Hall (behind the Housing Office), Gilpin Rd, E5
Cllr Julius Nkafu
3rd Saturday each month, 12noon-1pm, Kingsmead Tenants Hall, Templemead House, Homerton Rd E9

LEABRIDGE 12

Cllrs Linda Kelly, Deniz Oguzkanli and Cllr Ian Rathbone
1st Sunday each month, 11am-12 noon, Tenants Association Hall, Beechholme Estate, Prout Rd, E5
2nd Saturday each month, 1-2pm, Wayside Community Centre, 24 Chatsworth Rd, E5 (reduced mobility access)
4th Saturday each month, 2-3pm, the Community Flat, 10 Detmold Rd, Jack Watts Estate, E5 (except August).

LORDSHIP 13

Cllrs Bernard Aussenberg, Simon Tesler and Mathew Coggins
1st Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm, Peter Collins Memorial Hall, Homleigh Rd Estate
3rd Sunday every month, 2-3pm, Lordship ward councillors, Coggins, Assenberg & Tesler, surgeries will be held at Stoke Newington Library, Church Street N16

NEW RIVER 14

Cllr Maureen Middleton, Cllr Harvey Odze and Cllr Simche Steinberger
Cllr Middleton
1st Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm at the Seven Blocks TA Flat, 1 Wyersdale House, Woodberry Down Estate, N4
4th Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30 pm at Ben Simons Hall, Block 1-66 Lincoln Court, Bethune Rd, N16
If you cannot get to any of the surgeries, call 020 7249 9155 or 07930 575 912 and leave a message with your name and number and Cllr Middleton will return your call as soon as she can.
Cllr Steinberger (**NEW SURGERY**)
2nd Monday each month from 11 June, 4-5pm, at Stamford Hill Library, Portland Ave, N16
Cllr Harvey Odze is available via his mobile 07790 902 513 Mon-Thur only, or members support on 020 8356 3350, letter, or harvey.odze@hackney.gov.uk

QUEENSBRIDGE 15

Cllrs Thomas Price, Emma Plouviez and Cllr Patrick Vernon (on a rota basis)
1st Saturday each month, 12 noon-1pm, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly St, E8
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday each month, 12 noon-1pm, Pensioners Hall, Regents Estate

SPRINGFIELD 16

Cllrs Eric Ollerenshaw OBE, Jacob Landau & Shuja Shaikh (on a rota basis)
1st and 3rd Sunday each month 11.30 am-12.30 pm at Webb Estate Community Hall, Clapton Common, E5

STOKE NEWINGTON CENTRAL 17

Cllrs Rita Krishna, Jamie Carswell and Muttalip Unluer (on a rota basis)
1st, 2nd and 4th Saturday each month 10-11am, Yorkshire Grove Estate Community Hall, Gunstor Rd, N16 (except Bank Holiday weekends)
1st Thursday each month 2-3pm, Halkevi Community Centre, 92-100 Stoke Newington Rd, N16

VICTORIA 18

Cllr Daniel Kemp
1st Saturday each month, 10.30am-11.30am, Pitcairn Hall (entrance in Mare St), Pitcairn House, Frampton Park Estate, E9 (disabled access)
Cllr Katie Hanson
2nd Wednesday each month, 7-8pm, New Kingshold Community Centre, on the Corner of Ainsworth Road & Primrose Sq, E9 (disabled access)
Cllr Geoff Taylor
3rd Wednesday each month 11-12pm, Salvation Army Building, 70 Mare Street, E8 (disabled access)

WICK 19

Cllrs Jessica Webb, Christine Boyd and Christopher Kennedy (on a rota basis)
1st Sunday each month 12 noon-1pm, Wick OAP Hall, Trowbridge Estate, Eastway, E9
3rd Sunday each month 12 noon-1pm, Granard House, Gascoyne Estate E9

Please note some councillors do not hold surgeries in August due to the holidays. Please call 020 8356 3000 to check times and dates.

Cllr Akehurst	Cllr Akhoon	Cllr Alcock	Cllr Aussenberg	Cllr Bell	Cllr Borris
Cllr Boyd	Cllr Bright	Cllr Buitekant	Cllr Carswell	Cllr Chapman	Cllr Coggins
Cllr Demirci	Cllr Desmond	Cllr Glanville	Cllr Hanson	Cllr Icoz	Cllr Kelly
Cllr Kemp	Cllr Kennedy	Cllr Khan	Cllr Khan	Cllr Krishna	Cllr Laing
Cllr Landau	Cllr Linden	Cllr Lloyd	Cllr McKenzie	Cllr McShane	Cllr McShane
Cllr Middleton	Cllr Moema	Cllr Mulready	Cllr Mulready-Jones	Cllr Nicholson	Cllr Nkafu
Cllr Odze	Cllr Oguzkanli	Cllr Ollerenshaw	Cllr Parker	Cllr Patrick	Cllr Plouviez
Cllr Price	Cllr Rathbone	Cllr Shaikh	Cllr Sharer	Cllr Siddiqui	Cllr Smith
Cllr Stauber	Cllr Steinberger	Cllr Stops	Cllr Taylor	Cllr Tesler	Cllr Unluer
Cllr Vernon	Cllr Webb	Cllr Williams			



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR EIA DEVELOPMENT

07/90010/OU MODA – Olympic, Paralympic and Legacy Transformation: Facilities and their Legacy Transformation Planning Application

07/90011/FU MODA – Olympic, Paralympic and Legacy Transformation: Site Preparation Planning Application

I hereby give notice that on the 28th September 2007 the Olympic Delivery Authority granted planning permission in respect of the two applications above concerning the development of the Olympic Park in Stratford and Environs, East London

The said development comprises EIA development for the purposes of the Regulations and has been subject to an environmental impact assessment pursuant to those Regulations

Members of the public may inspect the documents relating to this determination (free of charge) during normal office hours, 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday, at:

The Olympic Delivery Authority Planning Reception
Unit A, 11 Burford Road
London E15 2ST
Tel: 020 8430 6020

SIGNED:


Vivienne Ramsey – Head of Development Control

ON BEHALF OF: Olympic Delivery Authority

DATE: 22nd October 2007

OFFICIAL NOTICE – LICENSING ACT 2003

I Edward Charles have applied to Hackney Council to vary the premises licence at the: **TROY BAR & RESTAURANT, 10 HOXTON STREET N1 6NG** in order that the following variation to the license in order that the opening hours Sunday to Saturday inclusive are from 1000 till 0200 on the following day. Alcohol sales take place on those days from 1000 until 0200 on the following day recorded music on those days at the those times live music Sunday to Saturday inclusive 2000 until 0200 on the following day late night refreshment on these days at those times.

Hackney Councils Licensing Register is kept at the office of the Licensing Service 263 Mare Street London E8 3HT where details of the applications may be inspected. The office hours are Mon – Friday 9am – 6pm.

Any representations against the application must be

made in writing and received by the Licensing Service at the above address by no later than the 04/10/07

Residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises or bodies representing such residents or businesses may make representations. The grounds on which the representations may be made are restricted to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Representations cannot be made after the provisional statement has been issued. Copies of all representations will be sent to the applicant. It is an offence liable on conviction to a fine up to £5000 for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application.

Dated: 22.10.2007



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Date of notice: 22 October 2007

In accordance with the above act and related legislation, notice is hereby given that the application forms, plans and other documents submitted in relation to the proposal noted below may be examined at:

The Olympic Delivery Authority Planning Decisions Team
11 Burford Road
London E15 2ST
The office is open from 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday, telephone number: 020 8430 6020.

The above documents are also available to download from the Planning Register on the Planning Decisions Team website www.london2012.com/planning

Anyone who wishes to make comments about the applications should write to the address below quoting the relevant Application Reference Number:

Head of Development Control, Planning Decisions Team
Olympic Delivery Authority
Mailpoint 32B, 23rd Floor
1 Churchill Place
London E14 5LN

Alternatively comments can be made by email to:
planning.enquiries@pdt.oda.gov.uk

Comments should be submitted within 21 days of the date of this notice and should be received by **12 November 2007**.

Application Reference No: 07/90185/REMODA
Application Site: Olympic Park Planning Delivery Zones 4 And 5. Proposed Landbridges LO3A And LO3B Cross The North London Railway Line And Carpenters Road (A115) Immediately To The West Of The River Lea Within The London Boroughs Of Hackney And Tower Hamlets Reserved Matters Application for construction of Landbridges LO3A and LO3B providing the details required by condition OD.0.19 (submissions of details for bridges) of the Olympic and Legacy Facilities Application ref 07/90010/OU MODA. In respect of Landbridges LO3A and LO3B and associated embankments and engineering works the proposals also provide the details required by conditions OD.0.20 (submission of details for other engineering works), OD.0.26 and OD.0.59 (foundation details) of application ref 07/90010/OU MODA and condition SP.0.53 (foundation details) of application ref 07/90011/FU MODA.

Applicant's name: Olympic Delivery Authority

Date: 22.10.2007

Signed by: Vivienne Ramsey

On behalf of: Olympic Delivery Authority – Planning Decisions Team



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Application Reference No: 07/90166/REMODA
Application Site: 1 Waterden Road, Olympic Park PDZ 4. Tower Hamlets. E15 2EE
Description of Proposal: Reserved Matters Application for the construction of an Electricity Substation and Perimeter Fencing in the Olympic Park under PDT outline consent for the Olympic and Legacy Facilities Application ref: 07/90010/OUMODA. The site is within Olympic Planning Delivery Zone 4 and is bounded to the North by the North London Line, Waterden Road to the South and East and by the Kings Yard complex to the West.
Applicant's name: Olympic Delivery Authority

Date: 22.10.2007
Signed by: Vivienne Ramsey
On behalf of: Olympic Delivery Authority – Planning Decisions

TTRO / P138 MANOR ROAD N16 – TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING LOADING OR UNLOADING MON – FRI 0700 - 1700 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

The Council of London Borough of Hackney HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that due to the removal of REDUNDANT LIGHTING COLUMNS within MANOR ROAD N16, they have made an order the effect of which would be only at such times as regulatory traffic signs are displayed to:-			Temporary Prohibition of Waiting Loading or Unloading Monday – Friday 0700 – 1700		
During the period starting on 30th October 2007 at 0700 hours and ending on 2nd November 2007 at 17.00 hours no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to park in any streets or parts of the street that are defined in schedule 1 to this order			Street	Length of Street	
The order is required to permit the removal of redundant lighting columns to be removed.			Manor Road	North West Side	
Nothing in Article 1 will apply to vehicles being used in connection with the said works or used for fire brigade, ambulance, or purposes in an emergency and anything done with the permission or at the discretion of a Police Constable in uniform.			LC No 38	Between points approximately 18 metres and 32 metres south west if its intersection with the western kerb line of the unnamed access lane flanked by Rosedale House and Briardale House	
The Order will come into operation on 30th October 2007 at 0700 hours and ending on 2nd November 2007 at 17.00 hours or until the work has been completed whichever is sooner.			LC No 36	Between points approximately 20 metres and 34 metres north east if its intersection with the south western kerb line of the unnamed access lane flanked by Rosedale House and Briardale House	
Further information about this notice may be obtained by contacting the coordinator on 0208 356 8283			West Side		
Dated: 22.10.2007 Tom McCourt Traffic & Transportation Assistant Director (Public Realm)(The officer appointed for this purpose)			LC No 29	Between points approximately 57 metres and 71 metres west of its intersection with the south western kerb line of Bethune Road	
SCHEDULE 1 (see Article 3)			LC No 23	Between points approximately 31 metres and 48 metres south east of the centre line of Bethune Road	
			LC No 19	Between points approximately 17 metres and 31 metres north west of the centre line of Royal Close	

TTRO / P138 MANOR ROAD N16 – TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING LOADING OR UNLOADING MON – FRI 0700 - 1700 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 The Council of London Borough of Hackney HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that due to essential ELECTRICAL WORKS within DALEY STREET E9, they have made an order the effect of which would be only at such times as regulatory traffic signs are displayed to:-		4.The restriction referred to in sub-paragraphs (1) above will not apply so as to prevent vehicles gaining ingress to, or egress from the premises on or adjacent to the closed length of highway in so far as such ingress or egress is reasonably practicable without undue interference with the execution of the said works. 5. The Order shall operate between the hours of 0700 hrs to 1700 hrs daily commencing on the 12th November 2007 and ending on the 16th November 2007 or until the work has been completed whichever is sooner. 6. Further information about this notice may be obtained by contacting the coordinator on 0208 356 8283 Dated: 22.10.2007 Tom McCourt Traffic & Transportation Assistant Director (Public Realm)(The officer appointed for this purpose)
1. Temporarily suspend parking and introduce a Prohibition of Waiting Loading Unloading at Any Time restriction along both sides of the entire length of Daley Street from its junction with Barnabas Road in a general westerly direction to its junction with Anderson Road		
2. During the operating time of the restriction there will be no alternative parking		
3. The restriction will not apply to vehicles being used in connection with the said works or used for fire brigade, ambulance, or purposes in an emergency and anything done with the permission or at the discretion of a Police Constable in uniform.		

TTRO / P139 POWERSCROFT ROAD E5 – TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING LOADING OR UNLOADING MON – FRI 0700 - 1700 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

The Council of London Borough of Hackney HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that due to the removal of REDUNDANT LIGHTING COLUMNS within POWERSCROFT ROAD E5, they have made an order the effect of which would be only at such times as regulatory traffic signs are displayed to:-		LC No 18	of the centre line of Lawley Street Between points approximately 28 metres and 42 metres south west of its intersection with the south western kerb line of Rushmore Road
During the period starting on 5th November 2007 at 0700 hours and ending on 9th November 2007 at 17.00 hours no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to park in any streets or parts of the street that are defined in schedule 1 to this order		North Side LC No 5	Between points approximately 72 metres and 87 metres east of its intersection with the eastern kerb line with Lower Clapton Road (A10)
The order is required to permit the removal of redundant lighting columns to be removed.		LC No 9	Between points approximately 130 metres and 144 metres east of its intersection with the eastern kerb line with Lower Clapton Road (A10)
Nothing in Article 1 will apply to vehicles being used in connection with the said works or used for fire brigade, ambulance, or purposes in an emergency and anything done with the permission or at the discretion of a Police Constable in uniform.		LC No 12	Between points approximately 72 metres and 87 metres east of its intersection with the eastern kerb line with Lower Clapton Road (A10)
The Order will come into operation on 5th November 2007 at 0700 hours and ending on 9th November 2007 at 17.00 hours or until the work has been completed whichever is sooner.		South Side LC No 2	Between points approximately 21 metres and 36 metres east of its intersection with the eastern kerb line with Lower Clapton Road (A10)
Further information about this notice may be obtained by contacting the coordinator on 0208 356 8283 Dated: 22.10.2007 Tom McCourt Traffic & Transportation Assistant Director (Public Realm)(The officer appointed for this purpose)		LC No 6	Between points approximately 71 metres and 85 metres east of its intersection with the eastern kerb line with Lower Clapton Road (A10)
SCHEDULE 1 (see Article 3) Temporary Prohibition of Waiting Loading or Unloading Monday – Friday 0700 – 1700		LC No 7	Between points approximately 97 metres and 111 metres east of its intersection with the eastern kerb line with Lower Clapton Road (A10)
Street	Length of Street		
Powerscroft Road			
North West Side			
LC No 29	Between points approximately 42 metres and 56 metres north east of its intersection with the northern kerb line of Mayola Road		
LC No 27	From its intersection with the southern kerb line of Mayola Road to a point approximately 15 metres south west		
LC No 19	Between points approximately 29 metres and 43 metres south west of its intersection with the south western kerb line of Rushmore Road		
South East Side		LC No 11	Between points approximately 177 metres and 192 metres east of its intersection with the eastern kerb line with Lower Clapton Road (A10)
LC No 26	Between points approximately 35 metres and 49 metres south west of the centre line of Mayola Road		
LC No 24	Between points approximately 36 metres and 50 metres north east of the centre line of Lawley Street		
LC No 22	Between points approximately 13 metres and 27 metres south west		

OFFICIAL NOTICE – LICENSING ACT 2003

We Caribbean Night have applied to Hackney Council for a premises licence at the premises: 79 Kingsland High Road, London E8 2BP in order that the following licensable activities can take place on or from the premises: Live music, Recorded music, Making music, Dancing, Provision of Late Night Refreshment & Supply of Alcohol. Monay to Wednesday & Sunday 10:00 until 00:00 Thursday 10:00 until 01:00 Friday & Saturday 10:00 until 03.30	the above address by no later than the 13/10/07 Residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises or bodies representing such residents or businesses may make representations. The grounds on which the representations may be made are restricted to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Representations cannot be made after the provisional statement has been issued. Copies of all representations will be sent to the applicant. It is an offence liable on conviction to a fine up to £5000 for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. Dated: 22.10.2007
Hackney Councils Licensing Register is kept at the office of the Licensing Service 263 Mare Street London E8 3HT where details of the applications may be inspected. The office hours are Mon – Friday 9am – 6pm.	
Any representations against the application must be made in writing and received by the Licensing Service at	

NOTICE UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND RELATED ORDERS

E1

124 Shoreditch High Street London E1 6JE
Installation of an A.T.M. to front elevation.
2007/2489 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

124 Shoreditch High Street London E1 6JE
Installation of an internally illuminated sign to A.T.M. 2007/2491 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

5-13 Bethnal Green Road London E1 6HS Change of use of ground floor and basement from B1 (office) to A1 or A3 use (Retail or Restaurant/Café) and use of upper floors (first to fifth) for C1 use class purposes (Hotel) or for B1 (office) purposes involving a three-storey roof extension following removal of existing mansard roof at third floor level. 2007/2162 Major Development

E2

112-118 Kingsland Road London E2 8DJ Use of ground floor for A1 (Retail) purposes. 2007/1507 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

EC2A

89 A RIVINGTON STREET LONDON EC2A 3AY
Change of use and refurbishment of light industrial unit (B1) to a furniture/art showroom and shop (A1) involving installation of a new shopfront. 2007/2114 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

81 Rivington Street London EC2A 3A Alterations to front entrance door and removal of entrance steps to be replaced by ramp (Listed Building Consent). 2007/2331 Conservation Area Consent

Broadgate West 9 Appold Street London EC2A 2AP Installation of 1No. telecommunications Antenna to centre of roof. 2007/2519 Major Development

E5

26 Lower Clapton Road - London - E5 OPD
Change of use and conversion of existing B1 office building to provide 6 x residential units (comprising 1 x 2 -bedroom flat, 1 x 3 bedroom flat

and 4 x 1 bedroom flats) involving external alterations including blocking up of an existing window opening and creation of a new window opening. Provision of refuse storage and car parking for 2 cars. 2007/1780 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

Block 5 & 10 Lathams Yard - Mount Pleasant Hill - London - E5 Erection of a three storey building to provide 18 residential flats (6 x one bed and 12 x two bed) and the erection of a two storey building to provide 1253 square metres of B1 (business/light industrial) commercial floor space. 2007/2181 Major Development

26 Lower Clapton Road, London E5 OPD
Installation of new internal doors and partition walls and installation of new eternal doors and windows to front, side and rear elevations. 2007/2186 Listed Building Consent (DNA)

45 Clapton Terrace London E5 9AA Increasing the height of the mansard roof and alteration to the slope of the mansard to install three dormer to the front and two dormers to the rear. 2007/2235 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

45 Clapton Terrace London E5 9AA Increasing the height of the roof extension and alteration to the roof store and erection of three dormers to the front and two dormers to the rear. 2007/2479 Affects Setting of a Listed Building

E8

61 & 63 Wilton Way London E8 1BG Change of use of part of basement from A1 (Retail) to C3 (Residential) to be amalgamated with existing residential units on first and second floors to create 1 x 2 bedroom maisonette over first and second floors and a 1 x 3 bedroom unit over basement, first and second floors with a living room/studio space in new single-storey building within rear garden (connected by a glazed covered passage) existing A1 (Retail shop) uses retained at ground floor level. 2007/1785 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

45 Ellingfort Road London E8 3PA Erection of a roof Extension and installation of a new railing around an existing terrace at roof level 2007/2028 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

88 Amhurst Road & 238A Dalston Lane London

E8 1LQ Erection of two x three storey buildings (one fronting Dalston Lane and one fronting Amhurst Road) with a single storey connecting block to provide two x B1 (office) units (with ancillary storage space) and an A5 (takeaway) unit at ground floor level and four x two-bedroom flats on upper floors together with provision of refuse storage facilities. 2007/2087 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

88 Amhurst Road & 238A Dalston Lane London E8 1LQ Demolition of existing retail unit fronting Dalston Lane and existing car repair shop and take-away units fronting Amhurst Road in association with redevelopment of site proposed under planning application reference 2007/2087. 2007/2090 Conservation Area Consent

73 Parkholme Road London E8 3AQ Alterations including erection of a steel framed canopy to the rear, erection of a refuse store and a new carport to the front and installation of velux window to the front and rear, installation of new windows at second floor level and a row of solar panelling. 2007/2252 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

77 Lenthal Road, London E8 Erection of two-storey extension at rear ground and first floor levels. 2007/2267 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

Land to rear of 224 Mare Street London E8 1HE Erection of a two-storey building to provide two x two-bedroom dwellings fronting Darnley Road following demolition of existing single storey buildings to rear of 224 Mare Street... 2007/2346 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

Land to the rear of 224 Mare Street London E8 1HE Demolition of existing garage and electricity sub-station to facilitate residential development within planning application reference 2007/2346 2007/2347 Conservation Area Consent

280A Richmond Road, London, E8 3QW Erection of 2 x 6 storey building at front (block A) and rear (block B) of site to provide 132 sqm of (2 x B1 units) office space at ground floor level (block A and B) and 9 x residential units comprising 3 x 2 bedroom flats and 1 x 3 bedroom maisonette (first to fifth floors - block A) and 5 x 3 bedroom flats (first to fifth floors - Block B) together with provision for cycle and refuse storage. 2007/2358 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

280A Richmond Road London E8 3QW Demolition of existing building to allow for redevelopment of site as proposed under application reference 2007/2358. 2007/2359 Conservation Area Consent
85 Great Eastern Street London EC2A 3HY Erection of a four-storey extension at first to fourth floor levels and new fifth floor extension to provide 380sqm (B1) office floor space. 2007/2386 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

59 Greenwood Road London E8 1NT Alterations including the erection of a rear roof dormer extension; creation of a gable end roof with two rooflights to the front. 2007/2412 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

115 Middleton Road, London, E8 4LN Alterations including the erection of a rear extension at lower ground floor; erection of a two-storey rear extension at upper ground and first floor level; renewing of roof; relocating door and window amend erection of two outbuildings. 2007/2421 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

Padangle House, 270-276 Kingsland Road, London E8 4DG Relocating of existing antennae including the removal of four antennae with supporting poles from south elevation and replace it with two antennae fixed to a single pole attached to the lift room on the south elevation and ancillary cabling o the flat roof. 2007/2427 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

Regents Studios, 8 Andrews Road, London, E8 4QN Installation of 6 Antennae and 2 dish antennae on poles mounted against central lift room and 6 equipment cabinets and associated equipment. 2007/2436 Major Development

70-72 Greenwood Road London E8 INE Change of use and conversion of existing houses in multiple occupation (sui generis) into 6 No. self-contained flats consisting of 3 x 1-bedroom flats, 1 x 2-bedroom flat and 2 x 4-bedroom flats involving the erection of 3 No. rear dormer windows. Alterations to rear elevation window and installation of new front gates. 2007/2507 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

2A Sylvester Road London E8 1EP Amendment to planning permission 2006/0915 (erection of a two-storey infill extension for existing house to provide a new three-bedroom house with roof terrace together with an internal configuration of the existing two-bedroom house to provide a kitchen/dining room in the basement and alteration to the front elevation including the

installation of a new door) to provide two additional windows in the rear elevation. 2007/2481 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E9

104a Lauriston Road - London - E9 7HA Erection of a single- storey extension of lower ground floor and raising of the boundary wall. 2007/2229 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

28 Shore Road London E9 7TA Partial demolition of existing warehouse building to facilitate conversion and extensions to remaining building to provide a new doctor surgery and associated accommodation. 2007/2312 Major Development

57 Lyme Grove London E9 6PX Alterations including the erection of a roof extension to the main building and side addition. 2007/2461 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

71 Victoria Park Road London E9 7NA Erection of a replacement rear (single storey) addition following demolition of existing external alterations involving enlargement of rear light well and creation of new or enlarged window openings to front and rear 2007/2542 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

N1

107A Culford Road London N1 4HT Conversion of detached store ancillary to public house into a delicatessen involving external alterations including new windows and landscaping and a seating area for limited use by customers. 2007/2538 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

54B DOWNHAM ROAD LONDON N1 Alterations to the north, south and west façade; demolition of single – storey extension; new replacement doors and windows; installation of external air conditioning plan and cowel to roof. 2007/2497 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

108-112 Hoxton Street London N1 6SH Erection of an additional floor within a mansard style roof extension to provide two x one-bedroom flats. 2007/2021 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

14-18 Southgate Road London N1 3LY Change of use of ground floor units from Class B1 Business/Offices) to Class A1 (Retail) together with external alterations installation of new shopfront and ATM. 2007/2396 Major Development

N16

13 Summerhouse Road, London N16 0NA
Erection of two rear roof dormers 2007/2103 Affects the Setting

of a Conservation Area
138 Stoke Newington High Street London N16 7JN Installation of an Automatic Teller Machine 2007/2308 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

35 Clissold Road London N16 9EX Removal of spine wall in the basement 2007/2482 Listed Building Consent (DNA)

133-135 Stoke Newington Road, London N16 8BP
Variation of condition 1 and condition 2 attached to approval North/29/96/FP to allow amplified music to be played at the premises and to allow an extension to the opening hours to 1200 hours to 0400 hours the next day on Fridays and Saturdays and 1200 hours to 0030 hours the next day on Sundays. 2007/2494 Major Development

The Applications can be inspected between 8am and 6pm at Planning and Regeneration Reception, 263 Mare Street, London E8 3HT. They can also be viewed on the following website: www.hackney.gov.uk/planning Representations should be made in writing within 21 days to the Development Control Manager, Planning and Regeneration, Hackney Council, 263 Mare Street, London E8 3HT. All representations will be acknowledged in writing. DATE: 22 OCT 2007 Sue Foster, Head of Planning

Transport for London



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The A10 GLA Road (Rectory Road, London Borough of Hackney)(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2007

- Transport for London hereby gives notice that it intends to make the above named Traffic Order under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.
- The purpose of the Order is to enable works to take place on the A10 Rectory Road and the A10 Manse Road in the London Borough of Hackney.
- The effect of the Order will be:
 - that no person shall cause or permit any vehicle:
 - to use the parking and loading bays situated outside Nos. 13 to 29 on the A10 Rectory Road and Nos. 6 to 32 Manse Road;
 - travelling northbound on Rectory Road to turn left onto the A10 Manse Road;
 - travelling southbound on the A10 Rectory Road to turn right onto the A10 Manse Road;
 - travelling southbound on the A10 Rectory Road to proceed onto Rectory Road;
 - to suspend the ‘no right turn’ from Shacklewell Lane northbound onto the A10 Stoke Newington Road for buses only;

at certain times beginning at 06.00 hours on Monday 5th November 2007 and ending at 06.30 hours on Friday 29th February 2008. The prohibition will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
- The prohibitions and suspension will not apply in respect of:
 - any vehicle being used for the purposes of those works or for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes;
 - anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a traffic warden.
- At such times as the prohibitions and suspension are in force an alternative route will be indicated by traffic signs.

Dated this 22nd day of October 2007

Nick Atkinson,
Road Network Management – Central, Transport for London,
Windsor House, 42-50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL

MAYOR OF LONDON

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



BRIAN GRIFFIN: THE WATER PEOPLE 27 Oct-15 Dec. Images documenting a mythical journey across the extraordinary landscape of Iceland by the first photographer to witness and picture the Water People. SPACE, 129-131 Mare St, E8. Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 12-4pm. Info: 020 8525 4330 or www.spacestudios.org.uk

GHANAIAN FILM FESTIVAL 27 Oct-4 Nov. Special Black History Month event, which aims to introduce audiences to Ghanaian films and film makers, also coincides with the celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of Ghana's Independence. Screenings at Arcola Theatre, 27 Arcola St, E8 and Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High St, E8. Info: www.ghanaianfilmfestival.co.uk

REDEMPTION SONGS: SLAVES WHO ABOLISHED SLAVERY Until 31 Oct. Exhibition and quiz about the true heroes and heroines of abolition, for Black History Month. Hackney Central Library, TLC, 1 Reading Lane, E8. Free, info: Nia 07808 603499 or email: blakstok@aol.com



THROUGH THE EYES OF CHILDREN 1-2 Nov, 11am-6pm. Photography exhibition, images of community project in Rio de Janeiro by Ian Dew, in support of ActionAid. Leonard Street Gallery, 73A Leonard St, EC2. Info: www.tlsg.co.uk

BONFIRE OF THE LIBERTIES 5 Nov, 7pm. Britain's top comedians, including impressionist Rory Bremner, come together for one night only to support the work of

Liberty, the UK's leading human rights group. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare St, E8. £15/ £13 concs. Bookings: www.hackneyempire.co.uk or 020 8985 2424. Further info: www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk

BORDERLAND - FLYING HOMELAND Until 10 Nov. Jugendbilder (Pictures of Youth) - an exhibition of portraits showing young people in Dusseldorf and East London by German photographer Katharina Mayer. Chats Palace, 42-44 Brooksby's Walk, E9. Mon-Sat 12-8pm, Sun 12-5pm. Info: 020 8533 0227.



BLANC NOIR Until 18 Nov. Works by a mixed group of artists, devised by Stephen Davids and Cathy Lomax, investigates the significant contribution that the Afro-Caribbean diaspora has made to contemporary British culture. Transition Gallery, Unit 25a Regents Studios, 8 Andrews Rd, E8. Fri-Sun 12-6pm, info: 020 7254 4202 / 07941 208566 or www.transitiongallery.co.uk

SEE 2012 Until 12 Jan 08. Exhibition brings together Pete Young's photographs of Hackney Marshes and the Olympic site with the poetry of year 5 students at Mandeville School. Hackney Museum (Platform Space), Hackney TLC, 1 Reading Lane, E8. Info: 020 8356 3500 or www.hackney.gov.uk/hackneymuseum

MUSIC AT THEATRE ROYAL STRATFORD EAST Live music or DJ sets throughout the week, every week. Theatre Royal Bar, Gerry Raffles Sq, E15. With performance by Dave Mwaniki (acoustic ballads) 30 Oct and Irene Serra (jazz singer) 31 Oct, 6-9pm. Free, info: www.stratfordeast.com/music.php

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

AFRICA EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP 22-26 Oct, 12.30, 2 & 3.30pm (60mins). Half-term activities - explore African culture with craft and music workshops by the team from Africa Experience. V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Rd, E2. £3, tickets on the day from the information desk. Info: 24hr 020 8980 2415, switchboard 020 8983 5200 or www.museumofchildhood.org.uk

GREEN CANDLE DANCE & PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT 22-26 Oct, 10am-1pm. An exciting, creative half-term project for young people aged 11-13yrs. Oxford House, Derbyshire St, E2. Free, young people of all abilities welcome. Info/bookings: 020 7739 7722, email: education@greencandle.com or www.greencandle.com

ABNEY PARK WORKSHOPS 23 Oct, Clay Sculpting and 25 Oct, Lantern Making. 2-4pm, half-term workshops for children. Abney Park Trust, Stoke Newington High St, N16. Free, info: 020 7275 7557.

TIME OF YOUR LIFE 23-26 Oct. Autumn half-term holiday activities for children aged 3-15. Explore the theme of time using the special exhibition, Home and Garden, as inspiration. Geffrye Museum, 136 Kingsland Rd, E2. Info: 020 7739 9893 or www.geffrye-museum.org.uk

WOODBERRY DOWN MAGIC SHOW 25 Oct, 11am-12noon. With Steve Day - Magical Entertainer, suitable for children of all ages. Robin Redmond Resource Centre, 440 Seven Sisters Rd, N4. Free, info: 020 8356 1791

THE BLACK HISTORY KIDZ VARIETY SHOW 26 Oct 6.30pm. Stoke Newington Library & Etienese Productions presents a show bursting with talent, written and directed by Judd Batchelor. The Gallery Theatre Space, Stoke Newington Library, Church St, N16. Free entry and refreshments. Info: 020 8356 5230.

GALLERY ACTIVITIES Until 28 Oct, 12-4pm. Celebrate Black History Month - create a colourful animal crown and complete The Leopard's Drum trail. V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Rd, E2. Free, drop-in. Info: 24hr 020 8980 2415, switchboard 020 8983 5200 or www.museumofchildhood.org.uk

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES Mon 10.30am. Meet other parents, learn a new skill to help parents and babies relax and improves sleep patterns. Buggies & Bikes, 23 Broadway Mkt, E8. Suitable for babies from birth to crawling; booking advisable, spaces limited. Info: Jackie 07974 736712.

HEALTH, SPORT AND FITNESS

POD OF THE DAY: THE BIG POD Until 30 Oct. Hackney Football Partnership will be hosting a new sports podcast project as part of the Kick It Out Week of Action (18-30 Oct). Lawrence Batchelor will front the podcast which will feature interviews with A-listers, coupled with a hand-picked mix of today's best upcoming athletes, commentators and unsung heroes. Info: lawrence@hackneyfootball-partnership.co.uk

KALI STICKFIGHTING Train like the '300' Spartans and learn the skills as taught by the Academy instructors to actors in the hit movie. Bob Breen Academy, 16 Hoxton Sq, N1. £75 p/mth for unlimited martial arts classes including three weaponry classes p/wk. Info: 020 7729 5789.

TAI CHI Tue, 7.30pm, Defoe Rd, N16 & Wed 8pm, Upper St, N1. Modern Yang style Tai Chi & Qi Gong, new students welcome first week of each month. £30/month - first class free. Info: Jazmin 0845 838 1424, email: sntaichi@mroe.co.uk or visit www.sntaichi.co.uk

ULTIMATE FITNESS CLASSES Weds, 6-6.45pm, Legs, Tums & Bums, 7-7.45pm Aerobics. Sat, 9.45-10.45am, Aerobics. Hackney Free & Parochial CE Secondary School, Paragon Rd, E8. £2.50 a session, beginners welcome. Info: Helen Connor 020 8985 2430.

CHALLENGING YOGA CLASS Every Fri 11am-12.30pm. All ages welcome. Hackney Wick Community Centre, 80 the Eastway, E9. £3 a session, info: Juliet 020 7241 5909.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 Oct - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am
22 Oct - Overview & Scrutiny Board, 7pm
23 Oct - Licensing Sub Committee, 2pm
23 Oct - Cabinet & Procurement Committee, 4.30pm
23 Oct - Council Joint Committee, 6.30pm

29 Oct - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am
29 Oct - Cabinet, 6pm
30 Oct - Licensing Sub Committee, 2pm
31 Oct - Council, 7pm
05 Nov - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am
05 Nov - Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission, 7pm

All meetings at Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, E8. Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3441, or www.hackney.gov.uk

NOTICEBOARD

BLACK HISTORY MONTH @ CLR JAMES LIBRARY 23 Oct 10-11am - Seminar on 'Black Women in History' with Diane Abbott MP. 25 Oct, 2.30-4pm - Celebrate the life of local writer Eddie Noble with Cllr Patrick Vernon. 29 Oct, 6-7.30pm - Tony Pryce presents a talk on the actor Paul Robeson. 24-30 Dalston Lane, E8. Info: 020 8356 1665.

OLDER PEOPLE'S REFERENCE GROUP 25 Oct, 10am-4pm 7th Annual Event - 'Quality of Life - Are We Getting It?' - with guest speaker, Guardian Columnist, Chris Manthorp. Hackney Free & Parochial School, Paragon Rd, E9. Also, launch of Older People's Dignity Code. Registration/Info: David, Age Concern Hackney, 020 7241 5906.

YOUNG MUMS SUPPORT GROUP Fri, 1-3pm, from 26 Oct. Launch of the new, 5-week support group for young women/mums. Trowbridge

Centre, 1 Trowbridge Rd, E9. Free lunch, massage, crèche and advice. Info: helpline 0808 800 2222, textphone 0800 783 6783 or www.parentlineplus.org.uk

MILLFIELDS HARVEST MARKET 3 Nov, 11am-3pm. Arts and crafts, bric-a-brac, books, a violinist and refreshments. Millfields Community School, Hilsea St, E5. To book a stall/info: Janet 07748 460893.

50'S CLUB Wed, 11am-1pm. For people over 50 years who want to learn something new, share new ideas or maybe expand their horizons. Saint Michael & All Angels, Church Hall, London Fields, E8. Info: 07864 703153.

BUSINESS SUCCESS SEMINARS Free training for Hackney businesses that are already trading. Subjects include more profit, marketing, selling and raising finance. Dates and info: HBV Enterprise Centre, 34-38 Dalston Lane, E8 3AZ. 020 7254 9595 or

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

HALLOWEEN HOUSE TOURS 31 Oct. Experience the spookier side of Sutton House with our eerie ghost tour (over eight's only). 2 & 4 Homerton High St, E9. Doors open 5.30pm, tours at 6pm, 7pm & 8pm. Adults £6.50, children £3.50. Booking essential: 0870 428 8933 or www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents

THE DRAMA HUB Tue, 7.30pm (until 18 Dec). Drop in classes for adults provides experienced and aspiring performers with opportunities to discover and develop new drama skills. Eastbourne House, Bullards Pl, off Morpeth St, E2. Different tutor will lead a different skill each week. Info: Brooke Gallagher 0770 311 2510 or brooke@freshwatertheatre.co.uk

SPANISH TUITION Conversation, grammar etc, all levels and groups welcome,

materials provided. £20 p/hr, info: Javier 0777 2567979 or email: jsosa@btinternet.com.

HACKNEY SILVER SURFERS Free daytime Internet and computer courses for people over 50. Info: 020 7254 2183.

MUSIC TUITION Learn to play instruments, especially guitar and piano, and the songs you love in the comfort of your home. Experienced tutors with references, all ages welcome. Info: 07877 123 370 or www.music4you.com

STONE CARVING CLASSES Every Tue, 10am-12noon. For adults. Abney Park Trust, Stoke Newington High St, N16. £10 (£8 concs) to cover materials. Info: 020 7275 7557.

GERMAN TUITION Conversation classes with native German speaker. Near Hackney Downs. £20 per hour. Info: 07719 817713 or email gmdrter@yahoo.co.uk

ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

08 Oct - Shellgrove, 7pm
08 Oct - Woodberry Down Nth, 7pm
09 Oct - Haberdasher, 7pm
10 Oct - Alden & Broadway, 7pm
10 Oct - Gordon Lodge & QE Cl, 7pm
10 Oct - Landfield, 7pm
11 Oct - Avenue Hse & Tower Gdns, 7pm
11 Oct - Collville, 7pm
22 Oct - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am
22 Oct - Shrubland, 7pm
22 Oct - Somerford & Shacklewell, 7pm
22 Oct - Warburton, 7pm
23 Oct - Lister Crt, 7pm
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07 Nov - Gascoyne, 7pm
11 Oct - De Beauvoir, 7pm
15 Oct - Defoe Nth & Sth, 7pm
15 Oct - Jack Watts, 7pm
17 Oct - East Reservoir, 7pm
17 Oct - Frampton Pk, 7pm
17 Oct - Wrens Pk, 7pm
17 Oct - Yorkshire Grove, 7pm
18 Oct - Banister Hse, 7pm
18 Oct - Mountford, 7pm
18 Oct - Shepherd Mkt, 7pm
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